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Octogenarian out $20,000, say police

Her real-estate agent is charged

By Ben Hellman

An Andover real estate agent has been arrested for allegedly stealing more than $20,000 from an 86-year-old widow living in assisted living in town. Andover Police were tipped off by employees at the Sovereign Bank on Main Street.

C. Richard Barrett, 60, the Andover real-estate agent, has been charged with larceny against a person 60 or older and obtaining a signature by false pretense. Both are felonies potentially carrying 10-year sentences if he is convicted, said Det. Sgt. Donald Pattullo, who investigated the case with Det. Sgt. Charles Heseltine.

Barrett, a North Reading resident, has pleaded not guilty. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for Dec. 19.

Barrett sold the woman's home for her when she moved into Marland Place, an assisted living facility on Stevens Street, said Pattullo. She has no family in the area. "He just realized she had some money and took advantage of her," said Pattullo.

Pattullo said Barrett first asked the woman for $3,000, supposedly to pay for his daughter's wedding. But after that, the requests for money didn't stop, said Pattullo. "She kept saying 'This is the last time. This is the last time,'" said Pattullo. "She was kind of intimidated and afraid to say no."

The tip-off came from employees of Sovereign Bank on Main Street who noticed that more than $20,000 had been removed from the woman's account since January. Pattullo said the amounts of money she was spending just didn't add up for the bank employees, and they called the police. "Thank God for the (workers) at Sovereign," said Pattullo.

Pattullo said this should serve as a warning to others in town. "Elderly people have got to be aware. There's a lot of people out there preying on the elderly."

Officials:

More AHS credits unlikely this year, despite state order

Some question Andover priorities

By Ben Hellman

Andover High School isn't likely to offer students more credits next semester as directed by the state Department of Education, say town leaders. But the repercussions of not following the directive are not known, said Superintendent Claudia Bach.

The state has ordered the district to have a plan to fix the problem by Dec. 5.

At the most recent AHS Parent Advisory Council meeting, parents voiced concerns that the school system is about 130 hours of classroom time in breach of a state law requiring high school students to spend 990 hours in classes. School leaders have said the problem is they do not have enough money to hire a sufficient number of teachers.

At the PAC meeting, parents questioned school and town priorities. Some people expressed anger regarding fees that have been imposed on families – such as the $235 bus fee that was charged to all students in grades 7-12 who ride the bus.

> **"This has to be the No. 1 priority in Andover. Not a senior center, not a fire truck, not batteries for a laptop."**
>
> DIANE COSTAGLIOLA, ANDOVER HIGH PAC MEMBER

Bach said she consulted with the Massachusetts Association of School Administrators and learned that in a similar case the DOE cut education funding to Lexington. Bach previously said a cut was unlikely because it would only make the matter worse. She said last week that the DOE doesn't always act logically. "The DOE may act absurdly," she said. Bach also said other towns are probably hiding a shortage of learning hours – an assertion Principal Peter Anderson has also made. "It's probably every community's dirty little secret," said Bach.

DOE spokeswoman Kimberly Beck didn't return repeated

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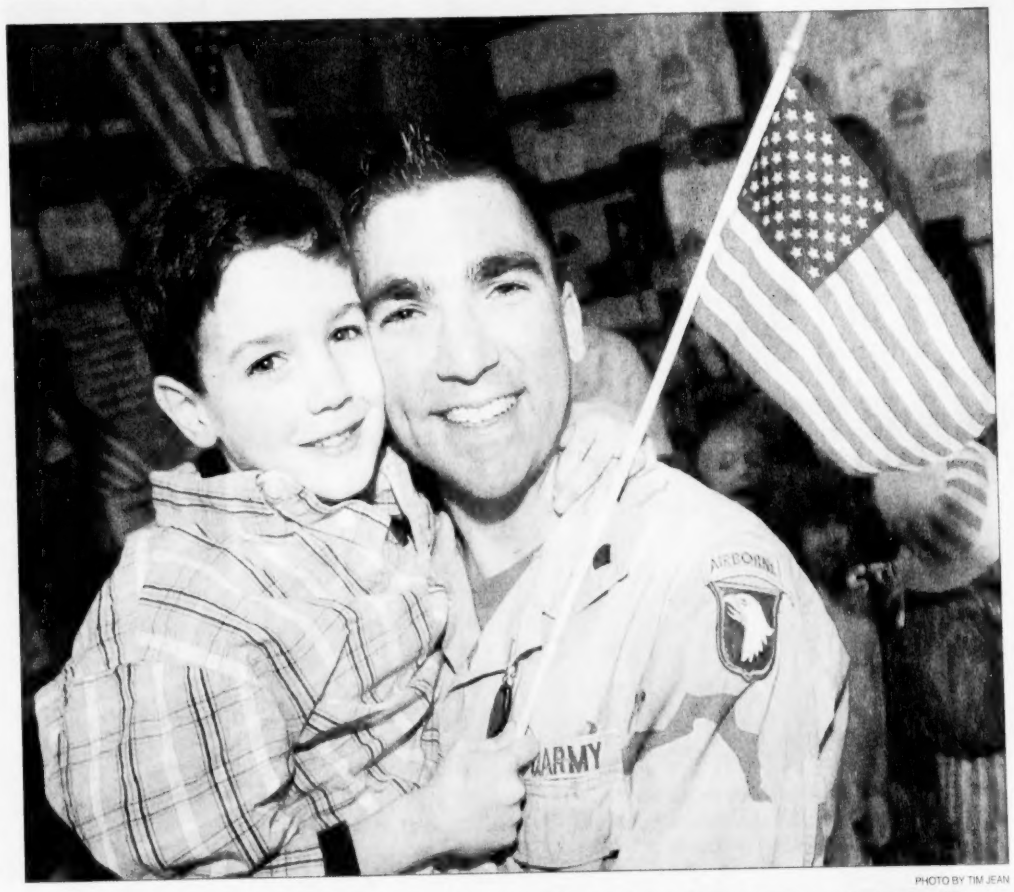
HOME FROM IRAQ FOR THE HOLIDAY



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SPC Alexander Pannos, 21, is home from Iraq for 15 days, including Thanksgiving, to visit with his stepbrother Will Pannos (left) and their Abbot Street family. Pannos will return to Iraq after this weekend.

15-day leave for Thanksgiving

Soldier stationed near Mosul, site of bloodshed, home this week

By Judy Wakefield

The Iraqi city of Mosul has dominated headlines this week as two American soldiers were savagely killed on Sunday and Iraqis opened fire on a US convoy on Monday, injuring another soldier.

SPC Alexander W. Pannos of Andover said he can only pray for those soldiers and their families. The 21-year-old is home for the Thanksgiving holiday, but this week's carnage hits very close to his home-away-from-home. Pannos has been serving in Iraq since the war broke out on March 25, and his company is stationed just 30 miles south of Mosul.

"We don't read newspapers. We don't read news stories online. We're there to do a job and that's how we have to think," said Pannos, a member of D Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

Pannos, who lives on Abbot Street with his father and stepmother, James and Mary Pannos, is matter-of-fact about his military mindset that forces him to "accept the war and work effectively."

"That's how you deal with what's going on," said Pannos, who is also the son of Roberta Pannos of Reading.

But for the next few days, a feeling of blessedness surrounds this dimpled 2000 Central Catholic High School graduate. He was granted a 15-day leave that means he's home for Thanksgiving. He leaves Andover on Sunday, Nov. 30, and will return to Iraq for at least four more months.

"I am so happy to be home for a holiday," said the unit supply specialist, who wowed his stepbrother's kindergarten class at Bancroft Elementary School on Monday by talking about his tour of duty.

His 6-year-old stepbrother, Will Pannos, was clearly thrilled with Alex's presence, as they hugged often and tightly during the discussion. Classmate Andrew Hall, 6, was just plain proud to meet Pannos, and was dressed in an Uncle Sam costume.

The young crowd was most impressed that Pannos had seen scorpions and camels. Iraq's hot weather was interesting to learn about for the students who heard that one of Pannos' responsibilities is getting 55 cases of water every Tuesday and Thursday. But the talk got serious when the students presented him with an oversized red-white-and-blue, thank-you-for-serving-our-country note that each student in Debbie Nichols' class had signed. Nichols said the kids have been talking about veterans for days in anticipation of Pannos' visit.

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien was also there with a Statehouse proclamation, as her son is Andrew Hall.

"This is just a lot of fun and a good way to relax a bit," said Pannos, who has been wearing his uniform around town and said townspeople have been "unbelievable" as they have bought dinners and drinks for him.

But, Andover residents' support has not been enough to keep him from Central Catholic's sidelines at tomorrow's Thanksgiving game between Andover and Central.

"You probably won't print this," said the Central alum. "But I hope Central kicks Andover's butt."

He'll be attending the game wearing his military uniform and it's doubtful anyone will question his school pride. On Thanksgiving, fans on both sides of the field will be too busy saluting him and thanking him for defending the country.

LOCAL THANKSGIVING WEEK

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THANKSGIVING DAY ROAD RACE

Hometown feel makes Feaster special

By Judy Wakefield

She was the top female finisher from Andover at last year's Feaster Five, but Terrianne McGettrick doesn't really like to talk about the accomplishment.

Like so many of the more than 7,000 runners who are expected to take part in the Thanksgiving Day road race, McGettrick said the event is not about times and finishes. It's about how this race is a family institution and holiday tradition for many runners. Simply put, it's just not Thanksgiving without the Feaster Five morning kickoff.

"I do so many races, but this one is different. It's a hometown thing," said McGettrick, who lives on Cheever Circle and has missed just one Feaster Five in the 16 years it has been held. "For me, I've had a nice succession with this race. I've been in shape; I've been pregnant and walked it; and last year I was out of shape because I just had the twins. So, this is special for me."

She may be a serious runner – she once ran the Boston Marathon – but she sounds similar to the scores of leisure runners whom she will share the course with on Thursday morning when she giggles, "plus, I can justify all the food I'm going to eat."

Her 19:19 "out of shape" time last year placed her 34th overall. It was certainly respectable, but she's looking to shave off about two minutes in this year's Feaster.

She's been running to prepare for the race, but as a mother of 18-month-old twins – Meghan and

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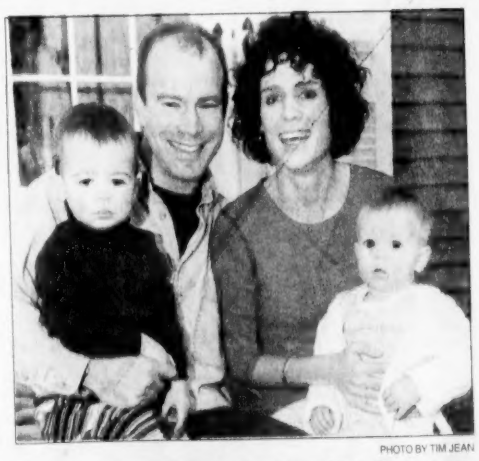

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Even race winners such as Terrianne McGettrick, seen with her family (left to right) Evan, Michael and Meghan Arpin, see the Feaster as a family affair.

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The School Committee transferred a small playing field south of Doherty Middle School to the town. It could become the home of a future senior center, if Town Meeting approves one.

Site given for senior center

By Meir Rinde

The School Committee has agreed to hand over land to the town for a new senior center, after being reassured it will get the property back if residents reject the project.

The land transfer must still be approved by Town Meeting in April, along with $500,000 in borrowing for architectural plans for the proposed two-story, 27,000-square-foot center. The lot is at 56 Bartlet St., just south of Doherty Middle School.

If Town Meeting rejects the spending request, a warrant article on the land transfer will be withdrawn and the property will remain under School Committee control, said Senior Center Task Force member Don Robb.

However, if both the borrowing and the transfer are approved but the senior center is not built on the property – for example, if the center is relocated – then the land will remain under the

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A new plan: no Alovisetti

By Andrea Gregory

Planning Board members and town officials bid farewell to board member Susan Alovisetti over drinks and hors d'oeuvres on Monday night at Palmers Restaurant.

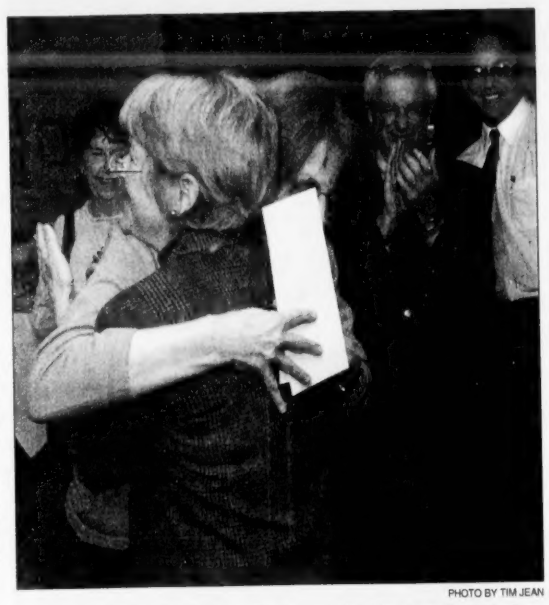
Hugs and handshakes were shared and the room paused for Linn Anderson, fellow board member, to read a humorous poem written in Alovisetti's honor. A few laughs stemmed from Anderson's rhyming words that summed up an 11-year term, but afterwards Anderson looked a little emotional as she said Alovisetti had not just served with her on the board, but had become her friend.

"While I understand Susan's need to retire, I think the town is losing an incredible natural resource, and it's been a pleasure to serve with her on the board," said Anderson.

"We're going to miss her terribly," said Paul Salafia, Planning Board chairman. "Obviously, we'll miss her unique blend."

Salafia said Alovisetti's background in architecture, her caring ways, sense of humor and dedication will not be easily replaced.

Associate member Jack McDonnell will now serve as a full board member, and the board will seek out a new associate member. McDonnell said Alovisetti's opinion was always valued, and she brought a good perspective to the board.



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Susan Alovisetti, who has retired from the Planning Board after 11 years, hugs Linn Anderson, who read a poem about Alovisetti's time on the board, at a party for her on Monday.

Board members and planning officials describe Alovisetti as the quiet member who sat on the board taking everything in. But when she did speak, it was always worth something listening to, they said.

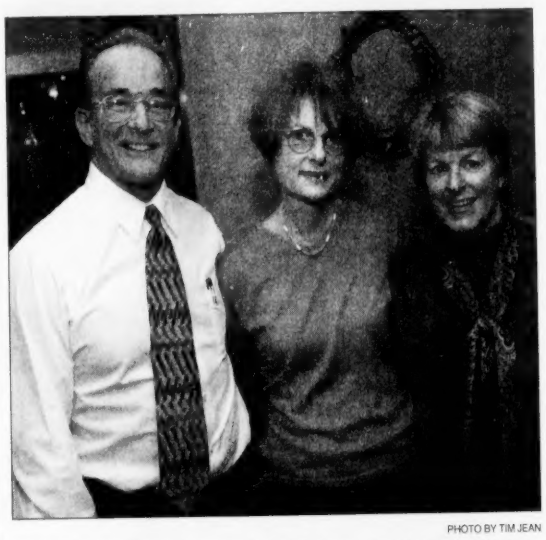
"When she had something to say everybody listened," said Paul Materazzo, town planner. "She brought a different view to the board."

"Susan, to me, she was the balance. She was the pivot, always the voice of reason," said Steve Colyer, planning director. "When she did say something it was always profound. She was always kind of like the steady hand on the steering wheel."

Alovisetti had planned to retire in June, but because of a voting law that requires municipal Planning Boards members to maintain perfect attendance during public hearings to vote, she stayed on a few months longer so the board would meet its necessary quota.

Alovisetti said she was happy to stay, but finally retiring felt good. "I've always enjoyed being on the Planning Board, but after 11 years, it's time to move on," she said. "I think I'll miss it, but I'll manage. I'll miss the people."

Alovisetti said she will occasionally check in on what the Planning Board is doing by turning her television to the Andover cable channel on Tuesday evenings, but she said she is not going to promise she will stay tuned for the whole meeting.



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From left, Planning Director Steve Colyer, outgoing Planning Board member Susan Alovisetti and current member Linn Anderson.

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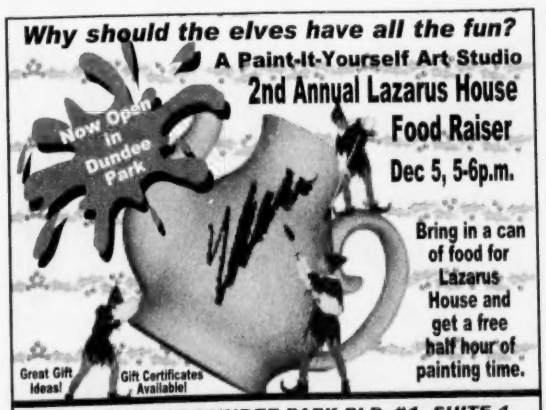

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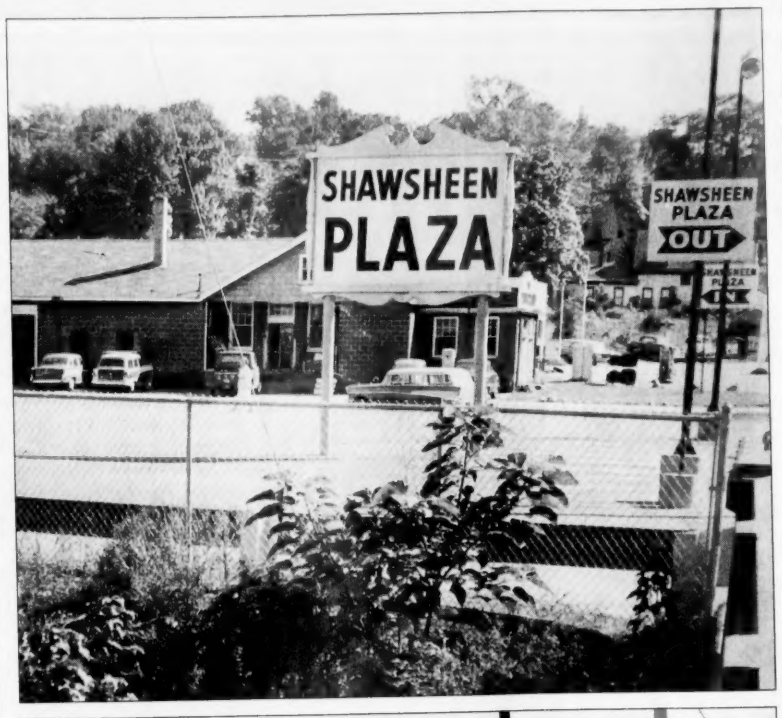

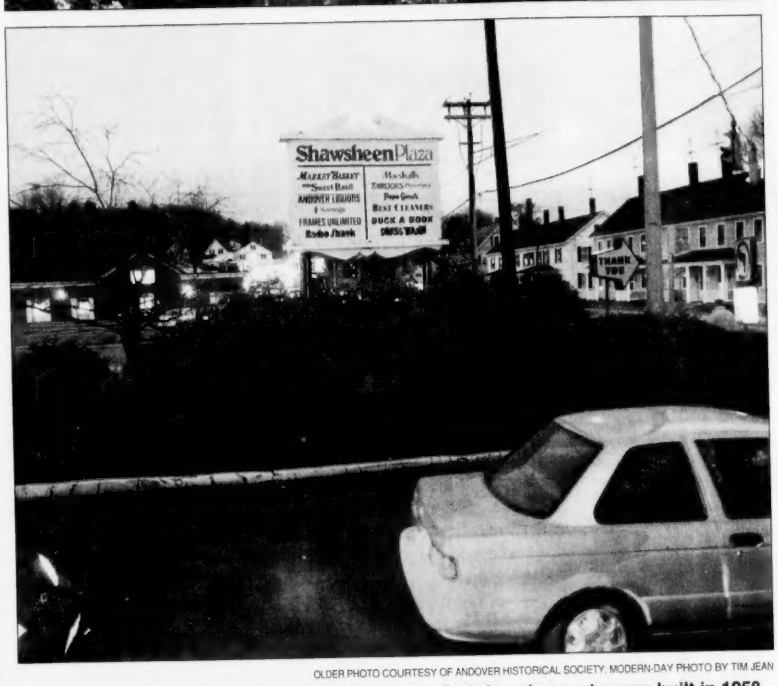

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Shawsheen Plaza on North Main Street, Andover's first shopping center, was built in 1958 on the fields of Golden Gardens. The Washington Park Apartments to the north of the shopping mall were built in 1963.
Shawsheen Plaza has grown considerably during its 45 years, and many businesses – including New England 5 & 10 and the Andover Jade – have come and gone, to be replaced by new establishments such as Cardsmart and Thai Sweet Basil.

Web forum tackling town issues relaunched

As part of an ongoing town government effort to encourage citizen input and participation in various public issues and policy decisions, staff from the town manager's office and Memorial Hall Library have worked together to re-structure and promote the library's on-line "Andover Forum" message board service.

The Andover Forum is a Web-based public discussion place for the citizens of Andover to communicate about community issues and concerns. "It is our hope that the forum will catch on and become Andover"s 24/7 cyber coffee shop where community issues are discussed and debated," according to Steve Bucuzzo, assistant town manager. The new and improved forum has been organized into four new subject categories: Town Issues – Current; Town Budget Issues; Town Issues – General; and Civic Issues.

Residents can access the forum directly at www.mhl.org/forum or from the new button link on the town Web site at www.town.andover.ma.us.

Anyone can read the posted comments as a "guest," but those who want to post comments will need to register as a "member" using a library-card number. To learn more about the forum, read the Rules and FAQ (frequently asked questions) sections at www.mhl.org/forum/rules.asp and www.mhl.org/forum/faq.asp.

Track opens Monday

Public walking will start at the Andover High School field house on Monday, Dec. 1 and will run through March 12.

The hours for walking are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:15 to 7:15 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

During school vacations the track will be closed to the public. Parking is behind the field house in the morning and evening.

Town's December health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Dec. 8 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 31. No appointment is necessary.

Thanksgiving holiday

The *Andover Townsman* offices will be closed to the public Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and reopen Friday, Nov. 28.

Quote, unquote . . .

WE HAD TO CHASE HIM DOWN and drag him down here. He was still working.

– Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director, about getting retiring, 41-year town employee Paul Fischer to a tree dedication in his honor. **(Story, page 7)**

IT'S AN INFRINGEMENT ON OUR OWN RIGHTS because (the state believes) we don't know what's good for us.

– Park Street Pub owner Rick Pruneau on the state's smoking ban, which would eliminate smoking from his bar. **(Story, page 5)**

IF I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING, I'll just sit down and work on it.

—Andover High School senior Pat Twomey – who earned a perfect math score on the SAT – on when he works on creating a new Bowl Championship Series formula for college football rankings. **(Story, page 8)**

News Calendar

Monday, Dec. 1

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Sanborn School Council, Lovejoy Road, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Office hours, Sen. Sue Tucker, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Revenue Enhancement Committee, School Administration Building, conference room A, 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8

Selectmen, special meeting, Town Offices, third floor, 6 p.m.

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Physical Sciences lands NASA contracts

Several area high tech companies have been awarded up to $870,000 in contracts with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

But it may be difficult for the average resident to immediately understand what the NASA contracts involve. For instance, Physical Sciences Inc. of Andover was awarded four SBIR contracts for "reconfigurable environmentally aware computing technology of earth observing systems; low-power, confocal imaging of protein localization in living cells; terahertz quantum cascade laser-based sensors for hypersonic flows; and, on-orbit assembly of a universally interlocking modular spacecraft."

US Rep. Marty Meehan said that seven companies in his district won the NASA contracts through the highly competitive Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs. These programs provide an opportunity for small, high technology companies and research institutions to participate in government-sponsored research and development in key technology areas.

"These are highly competitive grants," Meehan said. "It's great to see that there are a number of cutting edge technology companies here that will be working with NASA."

Service Club donates $15,000 to various charities

The Service Club of Andover recently continued its 10-year tradition of making annual charitable contributions during the Thanksgiving season when Stephen Gruenberg, club president, presented checks totaling $15,000 to Bill Fahey of the Andover Youth Foundation, Louanne Giannone of Creative Living, Veryl Anderson of the Professional Center for Child Development, and Lisa McDonald of the Andover High School Save Our Clubs Fund.

The Service Club of Andover is a volunteer organization made up of people who live or work in Andover and contribute their time and energy to ensure that the youth of Andover and developmentally disabled persons in the Merrimack Valley achieve their full potential.

Membership is open to anyone willing to contribute a portion of their time in the service of the club's mission. All administrative costs are borne by members through individual dues.

The Service Club runs an annual Spring Auction and Dinner Dance to raise funds. This year, the club also introduced a corporate/business partnership program that enables local businesses to financially participate in fulfilling the club's mission. All proceeds raised are used to fund the club's mission. This past year, the Service Club co-sponsored, along with the Massachusetts Auto Dealer Association, an emergency driver training for student drivers.

The Service Club of Andover meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Andover Inn at 7 a.m. for breakfast. Guests and prospective members are always welcome, according to the club. Questions? Call Stephen Gruenberg at 978-475-0400.

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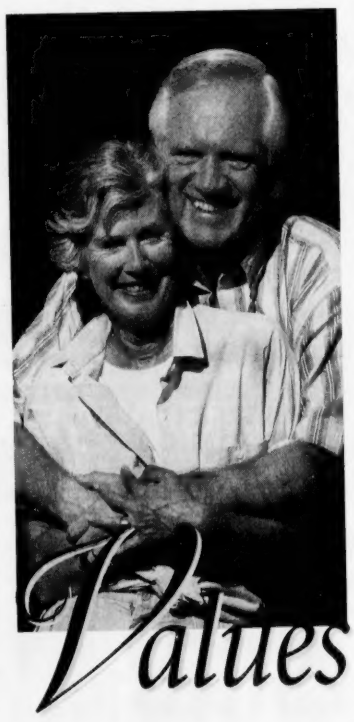

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MEETING WITH TOWN TO BE PLANNED

Mass Highway to discuss sodium levels in Fish Brook

By Ben Hellman

Mass Highway will meet with Andover water officials regarding salt contamination to Fish Brook, said a spokesman for the state highway department. The state has not yet contacted Andover, but spokesman Jon Carlisle said a call will be made and a meeting could be expected a week later depending on officials' schedules.

Andover Health Director Everett Penney requested a meeting with the state highway department after water tests on Fish Brook showed it contained 25 times as much sodium as is recommended by the Environmental Protection Agency. Penney said he is also concerned with other contaminants in the area.

Fish Brook is an Andover stream that Penney considers to be an integral part of the town's drinking water system. It feeds into Haggetts Pond, the town's drinking water supply. But Jack Petkus, the town's Department of Public Works director, has charged Penney with overstating the problem.

A state salt shack at the junction of Interstate 93 and 495 is to blame for the high salt counts, said Andover water officials.

Septic system denial

On Monday, Penney visited the salt shack site with officials from the state Department of Environmental Protection for a different health and environmental issue. The state wants to install a septic system at the salt shack for highway workers.

Penney also walked the site with DEP's Dave Ferris and Jim Sprague. Ferris oversees septic systems and Sprague is from the wetlands division. Paul Finger from the town's Conservation Commission and Doug Dunbar from the Board of Health were also in attendance.

Penney could not block the septic system himself because his authority is municipal, but Andover's Conservation Commission does have state authority. The commi denied the state request because the site is 25 feet from Andover wetlands. "I think they were trying to be objective," said Penney.

The DEP has appealed Andover's denial and a decision should be announced by Friday, Dec. 5.

Fish Brook Initiative

The Board of Health decided this week to appoint a task force to study the impact of pollutants to Fish Brook. Twelve people had volunteered to be on the Fish Brook Initiative Task Force.

"Purse-snatch" season upon us

Christmas season is also "purse-snatch" season and a time to be extra wary of crime, said Det. Sgt. Don Pattullo. There have been no purse snatchings in Andover yet this season, but they have already begun locally with a snatching in Salem, N.H.

Pattullo said women should be aware of their surroundings when they are out shopping at night. He also said not to leave anything valuable inside cars. Shoppers should keep gifts in the trunks of their cars until they get home, and then bring all gifts inside.

– Ben Hellman

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, Nov. 20 – At 8:36 p.m., Edward Rutkowski, 25, of 4 Spring Lane, Stoneham, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and uttering a false check.

Friday, Nov. 21 – At 11:18 a.m., Raimundo Rodriguez-Gonzalez, 43, of 317 Lowell St., Lawrence was arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Andover police allowed the agency to use the station as a courtesy.

At 9:10 p.m., a 14-year-old Brockton girl was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and the second offense of an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

At 11:18 p.m., Marise Grasso, 43, of 10 Alton Road, Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving drunk, a marked lanes violation and a lights violation.

Saturday, Nov. 22 – At 3:05 a.m., Brandon Colaizzi, 19, of 14 Briarwood Lane, Amherst, N.H. was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct.

Sunday, Nov. 23 – At 6:48 p.m., Michael Hickey, 48, of 71 Fieldstone Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a marked lanes violation.

Monday, Nov. 24 – At 2:13 p.m., Jirlenia Rodriguez, 17, of 7 Crescent Drive, was arrested and charged on a warrant with assault and battery.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Nov. 19 – At 10:25 a.m., a Stouffer Circle resident reported her wallet lost or stolen.

Thursday, Nov. 20 – At 8:42 p.m., an Osgood Street resident reported his snow plow stolen.

Monday, Nov. 24 – At 3:43 p.m., a Greybirch Road resident reported a bike stolen from her garage.

BREAKS

Thursday, Nov. 20 – At 7:05 p.m., a Marland Street resident reported his home broken into.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 19 – At 10:42 a.m., a man was taking pictures of Sovereign Bank on Main Street. The man told an officer he was selling the building for CVS. The manager of CVS confirmed this.

Thursday, Nov. 20 – At 11:44 p.m., a Henderson Avenue resident reported hearing someone trying to get in his front door. Police found no one and said the neighborhood was secure.

Friday, Nov. 21 – At 12:21 p.m., there was a sex offense reported on North Main Street. It is Andover Police Department's policy not to provide information about sex offenses.

At 2:13 p.m., a female reported that a younger female just got off the bus on Main Street and seemed under the influence of something. She went into Royal Jewelers and left. Royal Jewelers told police the girl was blind, not under the influence.

At 6:43 p.m., a River Street woman found a ground floor window open and footprints outside by the window. Police said no one entered the house.

At 9:42 p.m., a woman reported a group of five 15-year-olds vandalizing another person's bike at the tennis courts on Shawsheen Road. An officer believed the bike had been beaten up before and said he believed it to be a "sacrificial bicycle."

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 19 – At 7:14 a.m., a car window was smashed and the car was broken into on Minuteman Road.

Thursday, Nov. 20 – There were seven reports of car breaks. The reports were made at 5:57 a.m. on Shawsheen Road, 7:26 a.m. at Cross Street, 7:52 a.m. at Beech Circle, 11:41 a.m. at Beech Circle and 12:30 p.m., again at Beech Circle.

Friday, Nov. 21 – At 6:57 a.m., a Spring Valley Drive man reported his car stolen. It was recovered in Haverhill.

Saturday, Nov. 22 – At 2:48 p.m., a resident reported her purse stolen from her truck the night before. It was later recovered intact, but she was concerned that the thief would know her personal information.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Nov. 20 – At 11:14 a.m. a car parked on a hill rolled down Paulornette Circle, damaging a resident's garage door.

Friday, Nov. 21 – At 12:22 a.m., a person was hurt when they crashed their car into a tree on Salem Street.

VANDALISM

There were three reports of vandalism.

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One week, 10 car breaks

Seven reported last Thursday alone

By Ben Hellman

After 10 car breaks in a week, police are renewing their warning for residents to lock their car doors and be vigilant. Most of the breaks involved unlocked cars, said Police Lt. James Hashem.

Seven car breaks were reported last Thursday, three on Beech Circle. The reports were made at 5:57 a.m. on Shawsheen Road, at 7:26 a.m. on Cross Street, and at 7:52 a.m., 11:41 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Beech Circle homes.

Hashem said police can only speculate as to the reason for the outbreak. He said it may be holiday crime, or be part of a rise in drug activity. Police said most of the thefts were minor, where one or more thieves stole change from the car. "We've had an increase in car breaks, house breaks and property crime," said Hashem. His advice was:

- Lock vehicles
- Don't leave valuables in the car; laptops are particularly vulnerable
- Be aware of where you leave your car
- Report suspicious people and behavior to the police

Hashem said this sort of crime is difficult to solve. "These crimes are very, very random. We rely on the public's help. Our biggest tool is an aware public," said Hashem.

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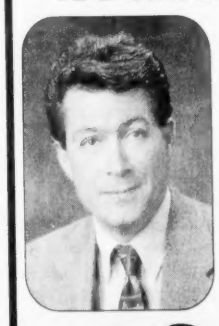

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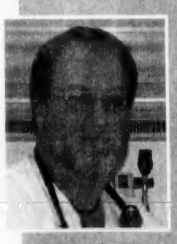

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Selectmen pick up trash issue Dec. 1

Mixed reaction to fee-per-bag plan

By Andrea Gregory

The next time residents buy a pair of shoes, will they take them home in shoeboxes? Maybe not, if the town adopts a pay-as-you-throw trash disposal system, said Carolyn Dann.

Dann believes such a system will help residents become more aware of their waste and produce less trash – such as shoeboxes.

"We're recycling reasonably. We're just throwing out a lot," said Dann, a recycling committee member and state Department of Environmental Protection liaison. "There are some pockets where we're not so good. (A pay-as-you-throw system) makes it worth your while to do a little bit more."

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

From left, Mark Merritt and Alex Vispol of the Pay As You Throw Committee listened to comments about using a fee-based trash-disposal program during public hearings last week.

Dann was one of several people to speak during public hearings last Thursday and Friday on the proposed "pay as you throw" trash-disposal method. If adopted, this program would charge residents a set fee for each bag of trash they discard.

The Pay As You Throw Committee held a final meeting on Tuesday and is expected to offer its recommendation and a report to the selectmen on Dec. 1. The selectmen will decide to either vote on the system themselves or leave the decision to voters at 2004 Town Meeting.

Admitting she was once skeptical of the idea, Dann said the numbers speak for themselves: reducing the amount of trash the town gets rid of will increase recycling.

However, a pay-as-you-throw system will come at an additional cost to residents above what they pay in taxes.

Based on what was projected at the hearing, residents could expect to pay $52 per year for using one 15-gallon bag per week, to $156 per year for using two 30-gallon bags per week.

The committee created to examine the system held a two-day public hearing to learn Andover residents' opinions, and address their concerns with implementing such a system.

Selectman Ray Hender explained to residents a Strategic Planning Task Force sub committee looking to generate revenues for the town came up with the idea of establishing a pay-as-you-throw trash program.

"This group will look at the feasibility for pay-as-you-throw for the town," said Hender.

If the program is deemed a fit for Andover, it will generate revenues, reduce solid waste and increase recycling, say its supporters.

"We've really focused on gathering information," said Mark Merritt, chairman of the Pay As You Throw Committee, before opening up the floor to residents on Thursday night.

Residents discussed issues such as illegal dumping, and the cost and inconvenience of a fee-based trash-disposal program.

"I live on a very woodsy street, Spring Grove Road," said Hal Rubin. "We know that we get things tossed in our woods on a regular basis. This sounds terrible, but it does happen."

With such a situation already affecting his neighborhood, Rubin told the committee he feared the new trash system could increase the problem. There is also the question of who would pay to properly discard illegally dumped waste.

"There's not going to be anyone watching them. It seems to me that we run a huge risk," said Rubin.

"That is part of what the town will have to deal with," said Hender. "Frankly, I think that's something we need to address if we go forward."

Hender said it is possible the town could impose fines for people caught abusing the system.

"If (residents) see it happen, we suspect they are going to drop a dime, if you will," said Hender, given that law-abiding residents are paying for their trash.

"People drop bags of trash, and they leave their mail in it," said Cindy Egan, committee member, offering another possible way of catching people trying to beat the system.

Still, the comments from officials and committee members did not appear to win over everyone in the audience.

"Why rock the boat? (The current system) is working," said Rubin.

"I live in an area where there's dumping, too," said Donald Johnson, of Applecrest Road.

Johnson said his daughter lived in an upstate New York community that tried pay as you throw. "It's a big inconvenience for certain types of people. People are going to feel put upon," he said.

Johnson said if it is presented at Town Meeting there should be "less backlash." If selectmen decide to approve the program themselves, "a lot of people will say, 'This is a democracy. What happened?'" he said.

Paula Ziegenbein, of Fulton Road, wondered if the system would affect the taxes residents already pay for trash disposal. Hender said it would not.

"I mean, I'm not going to see (the tax money) come back to me," Ziegenbein said.

"No. No refunds. (That money) will be used somewhere else," said Hender.

Ziegenbein said, prior to living in Andover, she lived in Merrimac, which used a pay-as-you-throw system.

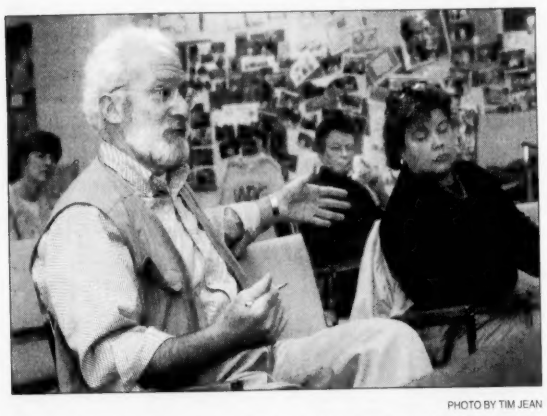
"So I can speak directly to the inconvenience," she said, adding, "As a resident of Merrimac, we were not taxed prior to (pay-as-you-throw)."

However, not everyone who attended the public hearing objected to the idea of pay-as-you-throw.

"It would be a very good idea that we fix it before it's broke," said Michael Frishman, of Crescent Drive.

Frishman admitted the change would not affect him since there is a separate trash service for his residence. But he said he saw the benefits the town could reap by adopting the system.

School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood, of Tucker Road, said bringing this system to Andover could serve as an eye-opener to how rough the town's financial situation is right now. She said residents might need to reach the point where they say, "I just needed to hurt a little more" to understand the budget issues.



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Michael Frishman was one resident who supported using a pay-per-bag refuse-removal program.

State smoking ban has few effects here because of bylaw

By Andrea Gregory

Officials say Andover was ahead of its time when it implemented a no-smoking bylaw 10 years ago, but now the rest of the Commonwealth appears to be catching up.

With a 29-10 vote, the Senate decided Massachusetts should snuff out workplace smoking statewide last Wednesday. A similar bill had already passed in the House which means Massachusetts could be smoke free by July 5.

The decision will have limited effects in Andover. Residents passed a bylaw outlawing smoking in public buildings in 1994. Some restaurants with bars were granted variances to allow smoking in their bar areas. But in 2001, the bylaw was further strengthened to allow smoking exclusively in bar-only establishments.

Today, there is only one Andover bar where smoking is still allowed, the Park Street Pub.

Rick Pruneau, Park Street Pub owner, laughed about the new state law, but also called it hypocritical and an infringement on personal rights.

"It's an infringement on our own rights because (the state believes) we don't know what's good for us," he said. "I don't like the law because people should have their own rights. I find it immensely hypocritical. It doesn't make sense if you think about it."

Pruneau said he has never smoked in his life, and offering smoking at his bar was a business decision.

"When people drink, they smoke," he said.

However, as for how the law could affect Park Street Pub, he said since the bars in surrounding towns will also be smoke-free, he doesn't believe his clientele will head elsewhere to enjoy a cigarette with a few drinks.

"We'll all be on an equal basis," said Pruneau. "What else are you going to do about it? The law passed. We'll adhere to the law."

The Park Street Pub was the location for Sen. Susan Tucker's reelection party this year. Tucker said she is not a smoker and the idea that holding her party in the only smoking establishment in town was not to benefit smokers.

"It didn't even cross my mind," said Tucker adding the idea was to have the party in a relaxed environment. "Let's have it casual. Let's have it downtown."

After asking to postpone the vote the first time the bill was discussed, saying she wanted time to check with her constituents, Tucker voted last week in favor of the ban.

"I had suggested that I would like the time to talk to people. I just didn't want to be springing it on people," said Tucker.

She said the responses she gathered from her communities mostly favored the ban, and her vote reflected this.

"I listened carefully to all sides of the debate," said Tucker. "This is a public health issue. Now there's a level playing field."

According to Tucker, more than 90 state communities already have a local ban in place. "I think most people would agree, it's resulted in a healthier environment," said Tucker.

Tucker said she believes Romney will sign the bill, even though he had not made a public statement, since it was approved with a "veto-proof vote."

Health department reaction

"They're only about 10 years behind," said Everett Penney, Andover health director, about the state's move to ban workplace smoking.

He said the new law will eliminate the need for the town to strengthen its own bylaw again this year.

Penney said times have changed, and there was talk in the health department about tightening the tow bylaw to include bars. He said it would have been something Town Meeting voters would have voted on in the spring.

"If the state didn't pass the ban, we were going to," said Penney. "I'm very happy that it passed and it should be a big improvement. I think we'll give the state law a chance."

Pruneau said, if the reasoning behind a smoke-free Massachusetts is health-related, he is puzzled why certain organizations are exempt from the new regulation, such as nursing homes and private clubs.

"If they feel that strongly about health care they're doing a disservice," Pruneau said. "The VFW doesn't matter? And nursing homes, of all the places."

He said he did not want to criticize Andover legislators when pinpointing what he sees as obvious flaws in the recently passed law. "I happen to like Susan Tucker. I think she does a good job," he said. He credited Rep. Barry Finegold with keeping him informed on how the bill was progressing when it was before the House.

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Field next senior site?

■ **SENIOR CENTER LAND**

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town's control unless Town Meeting formally transfers it back to the schools.

It is highly unlikely the senior center will be built elsewhere, Robb said. The School Committee unanimously approved the transfer last Tuesday night.

Superintendent Claudia Bach said her only concern was language in the agreement saying the schools had "no need" for the land, which is used as soccer fields by various youth sports leagues.

"We have been using that piece of land, but it is marginal," Bach said, referring to frequently expressed opinions from parents and officials that the fields are not the town's best. "I was just a little bothered by that phrase."

Though Doherty Middle School makes little use of the field now, the school district could conceivably use it more in the future, Bach said. Decades ago, the land was the site of the Stowe School.

Robb said the language saying the schools had no need for the land was a legal requirement related to the way the property was originally acquired.

The agreement also promises the town will keep the School Committee updated on the status of the senior center project. School officials and neighbors have said they are concerned about the safety of children around the center's parking lot, which it will share with Doherty Middle School, another set of playing fields, and the rest of the Town Offices complex on Bartlet Street.

Committee members said they wanted to retain some control over the site by stipulating the land was being handed over specifically for use as a senior center. But Robb asked them not to add that language to the agreement, in case the building is used for some other town purpose such as a community center in the future.

"We're not putting a municipal garage there anytime in the near future," he said.

The new senior center would replace the existing 11,000-square-foot center located on the first floor of the School Administration Building, behind the Town Offices. The current center is too small to encompass the needs of Andover's rapidly growing population of people over 65, Elder Services Director Jeanne Madden said.

Building the new center will cost an estimated $5 million in additional borrowing. That will require approval of a Proposition 2½ override by a future Town Meeting and by voters at the ballot box, allowing taxes to increase over 20 years to pay off the debt.

The new center would not open until at least 2007, said Selectman Mary Lyman, who has worked closely with the Senior Center Task Force.

Numerous study halls

■ **CLASS TIME**

Continued from page 1

phone calls questioning how the DOE planned to deal with Andover if the schools do not comply by the start of the January term. "There's very little we can do because the budget is maxed out," Selectman Brian Major said to parents. Major noted the town has already moved $400,000 from sidewalk repairs to the school department this year. He said contract negotiations will be crucial to avoid even more layoffs next year.

That angered PAC member Diane Costagliola. "The psychology has to change. The high school is in a crisis. We cannot afford to lay off one more teacher. This has to be the No. 1 priority in Andover. Not a senior center, not a fire truck, not batteries for a laptop," said Costagliola.

People suggested cost-effective ways the school might add class credits. Major suggested having public officials teach a civics course. A father suggested volunteers run study halls to free teachers for classes. "The point is to have kids in classes," said Ellen Travers, co-president of the Andover High PAC.

Is painting the rock passé?

Town tradition getting new look as students continue using cup messages

By Richa Goyal
What's Up intern

Andover High School graduates returning to town for Thanksgiving may be surprised to learn that painting "the rock" in front of the school might be headed the same way as leather football helmets at the Thanksgiving Day game.

Though students have painted the rock with messages for 30 years, far more students today leave messages by placing plastic cups in the holes of the tennis-court fence in front of the school.

"Painting the rock has been a tradition of Andover High School for a long time," said mathematics teacher William Drummond. "I remember it was already painted when I started teaching here back in 1969. The rock was usually painted by sports teams anytime they had a big game coming up."

However, in recent years, this old tradition has been fading away. "I think it is because it takes a lot of time and money just to buy the paint and then paint the rock. At least it did for us when we painted it for the Swim and Dive team last year," commented Liz Pallotta, a member of the AHS state championship swim team.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The rock in front of Andover High School was inaccessible for years as the school was expanded in the mid- to late 1990s.

Teachers at Andover High School hope that the tradition that was once so popular will once again spark interest in students this year. "It's sad to see this tradition fade away," said Mike Marcoux, a guidance counselor at AHS, who traces the decline to the mid-1990s school expansion project. "Construction was going on all around the rock for four or five years. So students couldn't paint it during those years."

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Students now leave messages by placing cups in the tennis court fence.

When the rock was a more popular target for messages, teams were required to sign up to paint it. But not everyone stuck to the rules. "Painting the rock was very popular back in the '80s and '90s. It was like a war between the sports teams. The soccer team would paint the rock late at night and then the football team would paint over it that same night. It was a never-ending race because all the teams wanted their message on the rock," said Drummond. "It was a war, but it was fun."

Nowadays, students use the fences surrounding the tennis courts to convey their school spirit. Almost each day, there's a new message, spelled out in different colored cups, that displays students' school spirit. "It's just a lot easier to put cups in the fence than to paint the rock. Plus, because the rock is small, not everybody is able to read it. At least with the fence, we know that everybody will read whatever is up there. Just like the rock, I believe that this will also become a tradition, but I think this tradition will last even longer than the rock," said Pallotta.

The rock has been painted for more than 30 years. During that time, layers and layers of paint have been added, and members of the AHS community have often wondered, "Where does the paint end, and the rock begin?"

"If it's been going on since 1960s, I'm guessing (there are) hundreds of layers. Maybe even thousands. I bet that the rock started out as a pebble and became bigger because of all the layers of paint," said Pallotta.

Marcoux laughed when asked this question. "Oh wow. There are so many layers. Let's just say, I could chip at that rock for years and still never see it," he said.

Thanksgiving road race hits 16th year

FEASTER FACTS

The fun starts early. Here's what runners need to know:

WHEN: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27

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■ **FEASTER FIVE**

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Evan Arpin – training happens around the toddler schedules. McGettrick is married to Michael Arpin.

"I run when I can and some days I can and some days I can't," McGettrick said.

"They are my priority," she said of the twins. "I had plans to run two races a month this year, but, like I said, some days give me more running time than others. What's relevant is that I am just lucky to run when I can, and I also spend lots of time with my babies."

One recent race was the Fourth of July 10K race hosted by the town of North Andover. McGettrick won it.

She looks to be in good shape for Thursday's race, but stressed this is one road race where the focus is on hometown tradition. That matters most to her and lots of other runners.

"It was so cold last year (13 degrees at race time), but this year looks warmer. I bet lots of people will show up and it's going to be a fun time for everyone involved."

About 7,000 to 8,000 people run the Feaster Five each year. There is a one-kilometer kids race for those 12 and younger, prior to the five-kilometer and five-mile races that are run or walked by older residents.

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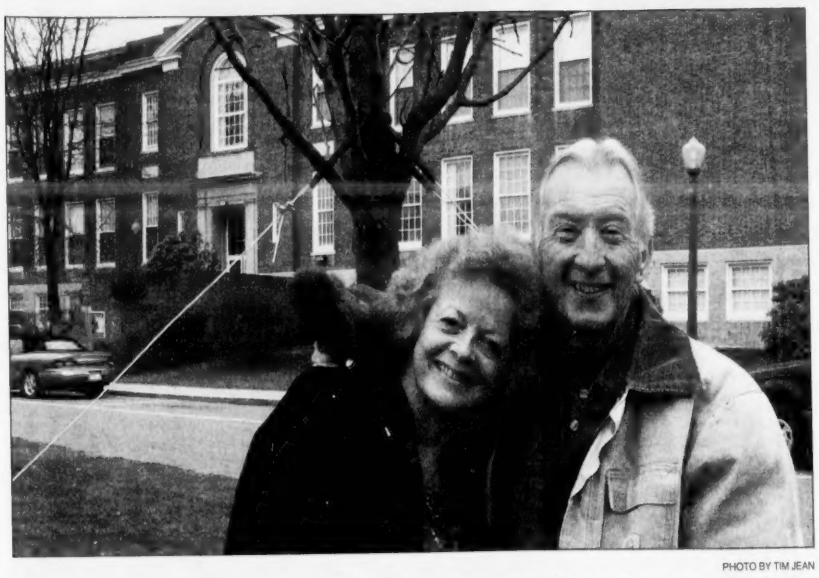

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Paul Fischer, shown above with his wife, Linda, near a tree planted in his honor in front of Town Offices, retired last week from the forestry department after 41 years. He still plans to plow snow.

Now retired, he plans to plow

Hard-working Paul Fischer served town for 41 years

By Andrea Gregory

It has been a long journey for town employee Paul Fischer – one of the longest in Andover's history. Last Friday, Fischer retired after serving the town for 41 years.

Fischer remained a dedicated forestry employee right to his final whistle, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. He was late to his own retirement party because he was still working. On Fischer's last day of work, the town planted a tree in front of Town Offices in honor of him, and a small dedication ceremony was held.

"We had to chase him down and drag him down here. He was still working," said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director. "He's done exceptionally well over the years."

Piantedosi said the tree is a suitable way for the town to express its gratitude for Fischer's service. "There aren't too many people I know who are as knowledgeable about agriculture," said Piantedosi.

Fischer began working for the town as a tree climber in 1962. Last week, he retired as a foreman as he battles cancer. But Fischer did not let his illness stop him from working up to his last day and absolutely loving his job.

"I've loved it since the day I started, and that's why I never moved out of the department," said Fischer.

Fischer said before working for the town, he spent time on a farm in North Andover. He also tried working at a printing press.

"Then I heard about the opening in the tree department, and I put in for it, and I got it," he said.

He was 19 years old when he started working for the town.

"That's when a tree climber was really a tree climber," said Fischer. He said when he started there were no bucket trucks, and his job meant actually climbing to the top of trees, limb by limb.

By 1977, Fischer had climbed his way up to the position of foreman.

Fischer said he has worked with a nice group of people and will miss it.

"He likes to work," said Linda Fischer, his wife of 23 years. "I'm just very proud of marrying someone who's such a good worker. He's just a great man. The town of Andover has treated us very well. I didn't mind sharing him with the town of Andover. I knew he'd come home."

According to Piantedosi, Fischer is not only a valuable employee, but very well liked by his coworkers, which makes for a difficult goodbye.

"I have mixed feelings about him leaving," said Piantedosi. "No one deserves to retire more than Paul. I really enjoyed working with him a lot, and I've always had great respect for him and a lot of confidence in his abilities."

A marker at the base of the tree planted as a retirement gift.

Fischer said he may be retiring, but his time working in Andover is not quite up.

"I'm going to plow for the town when the snow comes," he said.

Stapczynski, the town manager, said he could not recall anyone who had worked so many years for the town, and thanked Fischer at Monday's selectmen meeting.

High School could reach 1,800 students by 2005

Principal sees negative impact on Andover High education

By Meir Rinde

The high school cafeteria becomes a standing-room-only eatery every lunch period, and it has nothing to do with the food. It has to do with the number of students in the school.

Because the school has more students than it was designed to hold, students settle into chairs in the long, high-ceilinged room, and, when the chairs run out, the rest sit on heaters along the walls or squish in, two to a seat. When there's nowhere left to sit, they eat quickly and go outside in front of the school to socialize, if it's not too cold.

"There's nowhere near enough seats," said Nicholas Morissette, 15, who stood on a sidewalk outside the school with a group of friends during lunch one day last week.

"We, like, run there to get a chair," said his friend Mark Couture, 15. "And once the tables get really crowded, you just want to eat and go."

The cafeteria overflow is just one sign of a surge of bodies at Andover High. Enrollment has risen steadily in recent years and is expected to increase from the current 1,740 students to at least 1,780 in September 2004. If the projection proves true, the school will run out of room for them all next year.

"If push came to shove, if we had 1,785 students, we'd be hard-pressed to make the case we're providing the education we should," Principal PeterAnderson said.

The campus on Shawsheen Road has 72 classrooms and operates on a schedule of eight class blocks every two days, allowing up to 576 different class meetings, Anderson said. Ninety-seven percent of those meeting times are used, meaning the school cannot absorb any more students without increasing the size of classes – which parents, teachers and administrators all oppose. Andover High has 343,522 square feet.

Next year's freshman class is expected to have 475 students, about the same as this year's class but much larger than the current 390-student junior class or the 400-member senior class. That means more students will be entering in the fall than will graduate next spring.

ANDOVER HIGH STUDENT NUMBERS

Year	Students
2005	1,816*
2004	1,777*
2003	1,739
2002	1,680
2001	1,626
2000	1,628
1999	1,557
1998	1,478

* projected numbers

Anderson has been predicting the overflow for years, and now is proposing several possible solutions, such as asking neighboring West Middle School to make room for some high schoolers, dividing the library into a classroom, putting up mobile classrooms, or using a staggered schedule in which some students have classes later in the day.

Most of the options would come with a cost, he said. He makes his recommendations to the School Committee just as the cash-strapped district is considering more spending to comply with a Department of Education order to increase the number of hours of class time at the high school, from 860 per year for each student to the state-mandated 990. Anderson said he will narrow the options, consult with middle-school principals and put together a committee to come up with a recommendation – with the goal of finding a solution by the end of December.

The space problem is becoming urgent as it begins to impact the quality of education, said Laura Hajdukiewicz, a first-year biology teacher. Teachers are feeling the crunch in the form of a shuffle – moving from one classroom to another – and the assignment of classes to the wrong kind of room.

"We have science classes in English rooms and foreign language rooms because we don't have enough classroom space," Hajdukiewicz said during a lunch period, as she watched over students eating in the noisy cafeteria. "Let's say you're doing a lab that requires water or fire – that's a problem. And you want an environment of science, with beakers and posters of Einstein, not posters of Shakespeare."

Some teachers have to schedule fewer labs than they would like to, and they often trade rooms with their colleagues to make sure every student has a chance to use science equipment, she said.

Hajdukiewicz said a bigger problem than the lack of space is the lack of staff. After layoffs earlier this year, the school was left with 10 fewer teachers than required, and Anderson has said he would need at least 25 teachers to eliminate the study halls most students take in place of lost courses.

"Goodness, if you had to, you could teach down here," Hajdukiewicz said, nodding toward the dozens of tables filling the cafeteria. "Maybe this will force the town to hire more teachers."

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO ANDOVER HIGH CROWDING

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- Dividing the library into classrooms
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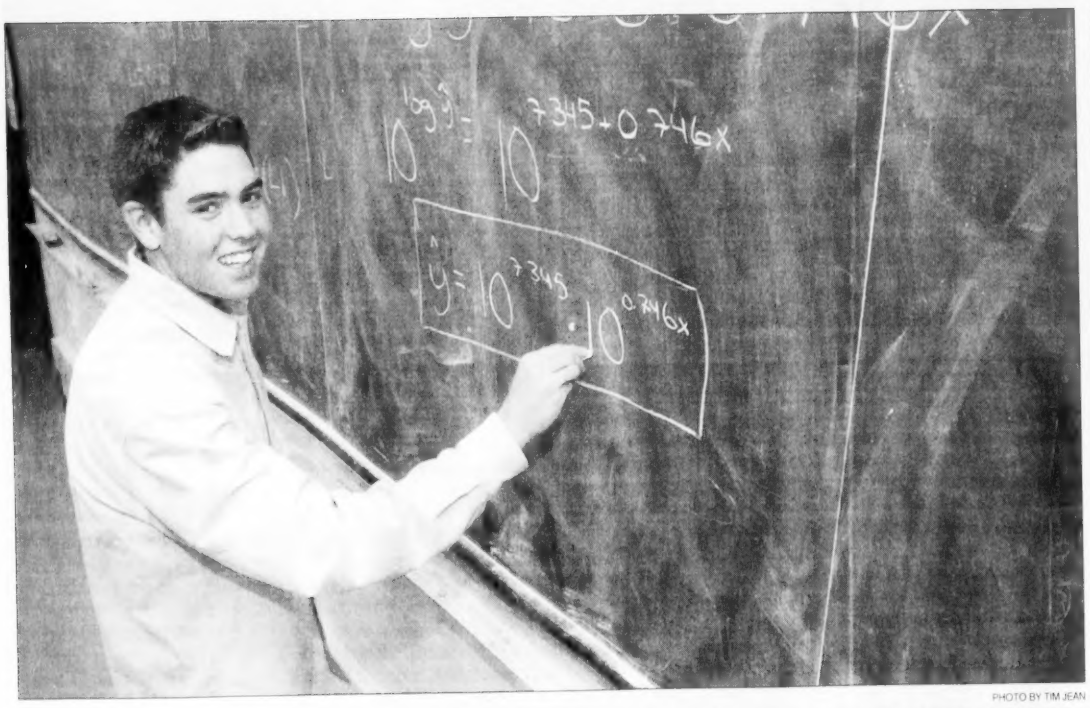

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Pat Twomey, a senior at Andover High, is on the lookout for new mathematical peaks to climb. He recently posted a perfect score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test's math section, which he attributes to simply having mastered the required math skills.

Chalking up a perfect 800

AHS student nets perfect score on math portion of the SAT

By Ben Hellman

Andover High School senior Pat Twomey always had a use for math. As a child, he remembers having fun figuring out batting averages and calculating game statistics.

Recently, he batted 1.000 himself. Twomey scored perfectly on the math section of the SAT, earning him a feature on Channel 5's "A+ Student" segment.

Twomey says the perfect score was simply the result of having mastered all of the skills that the test requires. He says his math abilities are strong because he finds ways to use the skills he learns in class in the real world. "I just love learning new things and applying them," says Twomey.

Twomey's family moved to South Carolina when he was in third grade. He took classes for advanced students there and when he moved back to Andover in the eighth grade he was a year ahead of other students. A West Middle School student, Twomey was able to walk to AHS to take geometry there as an eighth-grader.

Since then, Twomey has remained ahead of most classmates. This year, he and a small group of math all-stars ran out of math courses to take and petitioned Principal Peter Anderson for a Calculus 3 course. Anderson arranged for a professor from the University of Massachusetts Lowell to come to Andover to teach Twomey and the others.

Twomey has always been ahead of his peers mathematically. When he understands a concept, he says he helps other students in class to understand it too. He helped three friends study for the advanced placement chemistry test, which he took recently. "I really enjoy helping others," says Twomey.

A desire to help is what led him to volunteer at the Bread and Roses soup kitchen in Lawrence. Twomey spends five hours per month cooking, serving food and cleaning up to help the homeless and needy.

Despite having asthma, Twomey also has played soccer and run track at AHS for four years. "I basically have it (asthma) under control. Running helps," says Twomey.

But in the end, Twomey is still a math guy at heart. He continues to use his love of sports in flexing his math muscles.

When he isn't busy, he tries to figure out ways to improve the formula used by the Bowl Championship Series to rank college football teams. "If I'm not doing anything, I'll just sit down and work on it," he says.

School Notebook

By Ben Hellman

PHOTO BY AMY RIEMER

Harvest Festival delivery from Sanborn School – Seniors from Wingate Nursing Home are joined by fifth-graders from Sanborn Elementary School during their Harvest Festival delivery. Seated, from left, are Alice McKlaw, John McClintock and Leonard Driscoll.

Sanborn Harvest Festival

Sanborn students took part in the school's 25th annual Harvest Festival this week. The entire Sanborn community contributed to the event, donating goods, putting together gift packages and delivering them to Andover seniors who live in public housing.

Students from every grade have a role in the festival. For instance, kindergartners and first-graders make crafts for the packages. Fourth-graders pack the bags and fifth-graders deliver them. Families donate food and treats for the packages.

Doherty Thanksgiving concert

The Doherty Middle School orchestra gave their second annual Thanksgiving concert for seniors from the Andover Senior Center. Seniors gathered at Doherty Middle School to enjoy the concert. Students played several group numbers and some solo pieces, and read Thanksgiving poetry. The orchestra played the Thanksgiving hymn *We Gather Together*.

Student Jesse Goldman played Charles Dancla's *Airs Varieés No. 4* for violin. Anne Tucker and Kaitlin Picard played Bach's

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Book Review

Thanksgiving in the White House

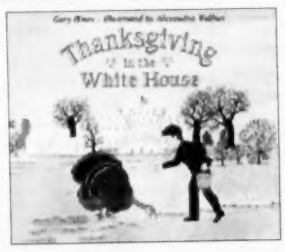
BY GARY HINES, ILLUSTRATED BY ALEXANDRA WALLNER

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week, just in time for Thanksgiving, 14-year-old Andover residents John and James review a book with a seasonal theme for young readers.

There are many books for the holidays this time of year, but Thanksgiving is all too often overlooked by authors. However, there is an excellent picture book that could subdue one's hunger for a Thanksgiving book. Now, some kids might think, "A picture book! Who reads a picture book?" but we have to say that reading a picture book with one's families is a great way to connect.

Thanksgiving in the White House, by Gary Hines, takes readers on a great journey to the past, to learn of the roots of our nation and how Thanksgiving ties into our history. It casts Abraham Lincoln's youngest son, Tad, as the main character. Tad is a mischievous boy with a good heart who is always wreaking havoc in the White House. Once, Tad even rode through the White House in a chair being pulled by two goats! Most of what happens in the book – the exceptions being the conversations – really happened. The story tracks Tad through the day before the first Thanksgiving. Tad, who befriended the turkey sent to the White House for the occasion, begs his father to save the turkey from its gruesome fate. His father complies, and on the first Thanksgiving they had chicken and ham at the White House.



Though the story is short, the reader will enjoy following Tad and laughing at his antics and big-hearted acts in the White House. People will have a new appreciation for Abraham Lincoln and the birth of the Thanksgiving we celebrate today (turkey or no turkey!). The last three pages of the book are devoted to learning more about Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, and the historical relevance of the story. This is a great book for younger children to read, but anyone will enjoy it. It's a great one to read after Thanksgiving dinner.

We give the book a rating of 8 out of 10. It is both well illustrated and well written. It's one of those feel-good stories that leaves readers with a "good taste" in their mouths. We can all relate a little to Tad, and the book brings to life the tough situation Lincoln faced in a fun and interesting way. This is the most recent (and in our opinion one of the best) Thanksgiving books available. Andover Bookstore kindly supplied this book.

Readers who enjoy the work of Gary Hines can check out his other book, *A Christmas Tree In the White House*. For more Thanksgiving reading, try the Caldecott Honor book, *The Thanksgiving Story*, by Alice Dalgliesh, or N.C. Wyeth's *Pilgrim's*, a wonderfully illustrated book by Robert San Souci.

AHS Reunions

Class of 1998: Andover High's class of 1998 will hold a reunion Friday, Nov. 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Brewery Exchange in Lowell. Cost is $20 in advance, or $25 at the door. Make checks payable to "AHS Class of 1998 Reunion."

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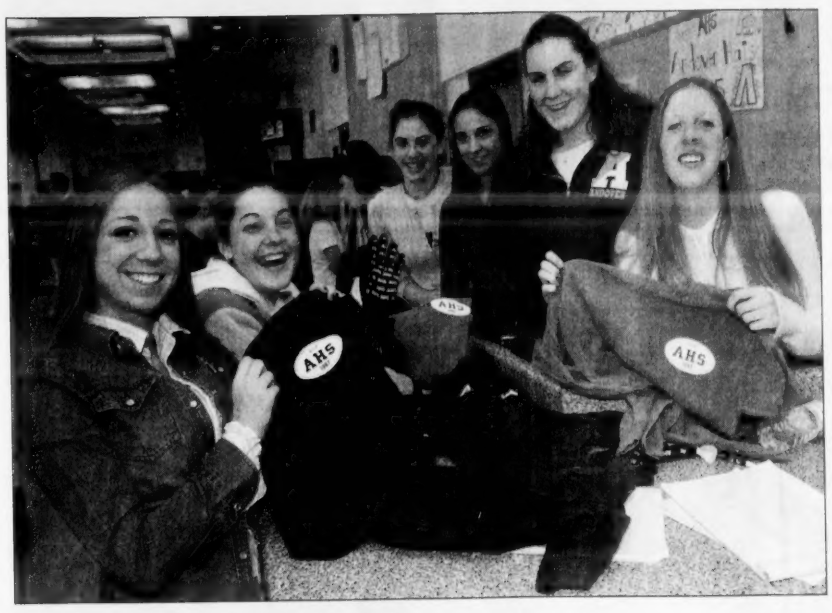

◀ From left, Andover High students Stephanie Lerman and Ally Joyce look over the school items available to purchase while Simona Lang, Alyssa Wallace, Chrissy Pierro and Jocelyn Nagy staff the counter of the school's store.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

School store at Andover High

Shopping with the AHS brand in mind

By Jaclyn Todisco
What's Up intern

Last year the idea for a school store at Andover High School was formulated by the Small Schools Committee to make the school more intimate and personal. Now, the idea has become a reality.

Andover High School has its own store, meant to improve school spirit and pride, teach marketing skills to students and provide additional funds to support clubs. The Andover High School store is open every Friday at the kiosk in the school cafeteria, during lunch. Merchandise will also be on sale at the Thanksgiving football game.

A group of motivated volunteers began investigating the necessary steps to develop a successful high school store earlier this school year. It visited school stores in the nearby towns of Haverhill, Lowell and Chelmsford to obtain ideas and suggestions. Local school-store advisers shared their experiences in product development and student sales with the Andover group.

The next step toward opening was to find a merchandise supplier. The school store committee turned to Optimum Sport in Lawrence, owned by Andover natives Paul Farnham and Peter Cuomo.

"We chose Optimum Sport as a supplier because they have experience in supplying school stores and have a pulse on what merchandise would be successful at the high school level," said parent volunteer Cheryl Todisco.

The school store committee members used their creativity to design several items to appeal to the student body at Andover High School. All merchandise is new and unique to Andover High. Items include sweatshirts for $40; flannel pants, $20; long-sleeve T-shirts, $18; ski hats, $15; gloves, $10; and pens and pencils for 50 cents. New holiday merchandise will be coming soon, including lanyards. Suggestions are welcome.

So far, the store has sold more than $1,400 of merchandise, and the profits will benefit AHS clubs. The school store committee is pleased with store sales and student interest and is excited for the future, student volunteer Abby Wheelwright said. "The school store has been a great success. It's a good way to bring students together and give back to the school. The committee is making a great effort to brainstorm merchandise design. I think the store will flourish in the future," she said.

Jaclyn Todisco a member of the school store committee.

Parent to Parent speaker examines the pressure put upon children

Parent to Parent presents "Give Me Harvard or Give Me Death! – From preschool to college, what are we doing to our children?" next Thursday, Dec. 4.

Michael Thompson

The featured speaker, Michael Thompson, PhD, the co-author of the bestsellers *Raising Cain* and *Best Friends/Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children*, returns to Andover to explore the topic of parenting one's children so they can achieve their own successes.

Thompson, a consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families, has worked with parents, teachers and students in more than 200 public and private schools across the US.

Thompson holds a unique perspective on the subject of parenting , according to organizers, drawing on scientific research, classroom observations, and personal accounts from kids themselves.

Thompson has appeared on *The Today Show, The Early Show, Good Morning America* and the *Oprah* show. He has been quoted in the *New York Times, The Washington Post, Newsweek, Time* and *US News and World Report* and has been a guest on NPR's *Talk of the Nation* and the *Diane Rhem Show*.

This speaker series presentation will take place at West Middle School auditorium from 7:30 to 9 p.m. It is free of charge and open to the public.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

■ DOHERTY CONCERT

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Concerto for two violins in D minor. Rachel O'Hara, Ariel Twohig, and Chris McDonough read poetry. All are eighth-grader students.

AHS cheerleaders making the cut

Andover High School's cheerleading team went to a regional competition on Sunday, Nov. 15 after placing second in a meet held at AHS this month. It is the first AHS squad to make it to regionals. Several cheerleaders were injured before the final competition, leading to substitutions. The team did not place.

The cheerleaders have had a good season in competition. They won three first-place awards at a summer cheering camp at Holy Cross College. They also placed fourth in their division at the Stacy Stott Memorial Invitational in October.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 1-5:

Elementary schools

Monday: Spaghetti and marinara sauce with roll, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Meatloaf with mashed potato and green beans, chocolate chip pancakes with sliced ham, pizza stick with soft pretzel, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Pork roast with potato, corn and gravy, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, fruit, veggie, milk and plantation cake.

Thursday: Macaroni and cheese with side of peas, french toast sticks with sausage, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Cheeseburger with pretzels, hot dog on a roll, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, fruit whip, fruit, veggie and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken McSchool, macaroni and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fish-and-chips, meatball sub, bakery pizza, fresh fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese spaghetti and meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza, fresh fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Pot roast with mashed potato, meat filled raviolis, bakery pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Oven-baked chicken, rotini ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

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[*Editor's note: Menus were not received for Doherty Middle School this week.*]

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

AHS REUNIONS

■ AHS CLASS OF 1998

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Class of 1993: Andover High's class of 1993 will hold its 10-year reunion Friday, Nov. 28 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Hillview Country Club, North Reading.

For more information about cost or other details, e-mail Heather Norton at: ahsreunion93@yahoo.com.

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Class of 1983: Andover High's class of 1983 will hold its 20-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 29 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at the Town House (Old Town Hall).

Cost is $40 in advance or $50 at door.

Send checks payable to "AHS Class of 1983," PO Box 1483, Andover, 01810; or e-mail to: ClassAHS83@hotmail.com. The class contacts are Lauren Rubenstein Frei and Dorothy McKew Puccia.

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Class of 1978: Andover High's class of 1978 will hold its 25-year reunion Saturday, Nov. 29 from 6:30 to midnight at Holiday Inn Andover-/Tewksbury, 4 Highwood Drive, Tewksbury.

Invitations have been mailed to graduates, said organizers. The cost will be $50 per person.

Checks should be made payable to "AHS Class of 1978," PO Box 5125, Andover, 01810.

For more information, contact the committee by e-mail at: ahs1978@aol.com.

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Class of 1973: Andover High class of 1973 will hold its 30-year reunion at the Andover Town House (Old Town Hall), 20 Main St., on Friday, Nov. 28 beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost is $50 per person. Send payment to PO Box 5143, Andover 01810.

Make checks payable to "AHS Class of 1973 Reunion."

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Opinion

Meeting time

SEEING THAT ANDOVER STUDENTS are more than 100 hours short of the required 990 hours of classroom learning time this year, the state has demanded that the town create a plan to solve the problem. There may be some band-aid solutions Andover educators can place on the exposed wound of too few classes for students at Andover High School. But the class-time problem has been building for some time, and is not a new issue for any town or school official. A true, satisfactory solution to the problem will take time and considerable work, as educational leaders have noted.

To cobble together such a solution, officials must tackle a number of issues with daring honesty. Groups such as the Strategic Planning Task Force and other groups must take their budget and other discussions further. These discussions must include questioning the town and school system's current spending priorities, agreements to be made during upcoming contact negotiations, and the existing block scheduling.

More money undoubtedly will be part of the long-term solution, but it cannot be the total solution. Principal Peter Anderson has done a commendable job trying to create new programs, such as credit-earning internships outside of the school building. With overcrowding being another issue, using other facilities – such as West Middle School, as he has suggested, but also the facilities at the Greater Lawrence Technical School – is another idea worth pursuing.

Parent leader Diane Costagliola is right when she says classroom time should be a priority for the town and its school system. Andover has built its reputation on its schools, and it must meet the most basic needs of students: time in the classroom.

Web question

What's the ideal way to follow your Thanksgiving dinner?

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was:

The state has mandated that Andover increase the number of hours students at Andover High receive this year. How should leaders go about complying with the state mandate?

30 people voted.

13, or 43 percent, said, "The school department should find the money in its existing budget."

2, or 7 percent, said, "Town departments should cut their budgets to meet the mandate."

1, or 3 percent, said, "An emergency Town Meeting should be called to solve the problem."

4, or 13 percent, said, "Defy the state mandate until the state starts funding Andover with more education money."

9, or 30 percent, said, "The town leaders need to solve the problem. That's what they were elected to do."

No one said "Ask for a waiver."

1 voted "Other."

This week's Web-site question is: **What is your favorite thing to do after Thanksgiving dinner?**

- Fall asleep in a chair or on the couch.
- Watch football.
- Go shopping.
- Go to a bar.
- Go to the movies.
- Eat dessert.
- Wait until the relatives come over and then eat more.
- Other

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

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FIRST RATE READING

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters once again sponsored a Community Read-Along last week. Jane Chapin's first-grade class at West Elementary listened to Sylvia Bloom read *On The Job* on Monday. More photos next week.

LETTERS

Support for program

Connected math creates new generation of young critical thinkers

Editor, *Townsman:*

After reading the article about the Connected Mathematics Project in Andover ("New math program criticized," *Townsman*, Oct. 9, page 1), I felt compelled to clarify some issues. First of all, CMP, as it is widely known, provides a comprehensive prealgebra program in grade 6, followed by a rigorous algebra curriculum in grades 7 and 8. It differs from traditional texts in that students are engaged in developing an understanding of why and how algorithms work, and are encouraged to identify and use different strategies in problem solving. CMP actually contains geometry that most parents recall from grade 10 geometry class when they were in high school.

The algebra that is taught in grades 7 and 8 begins with linear functions, then allows students to develop an understanding of how linear functions differ from exponential and quadratic functions.

Slope is examined not just as the rise over run but rather as a rate of change. As students investigate slope, they do so through applications that make sense to preteens and teens. They are able to see how algebra relates to how fast they walk, or how different plans for raising money compare with one another. Compound interest and rate of decay are presented in problems that enable students to understand why different investment programs result in greater gains than others.

Students work through the development of the Pythagorean Theorem in ways that provide a context to why the formula works rather than just providing it to the students to memorize.

It is important for parents to keep in mind that the world mathematics teachers are preparing their students for is one that is vastly different from the world for which parents themselves were prepared. And so, the mathematics that students need to learn must reflect that change. Businesses and industry are emphasizing the need for students to learn how to be creative problem solvers and critical thinkers. Connected Mathematics does just that.

Anne M. Collins, Ph. D.
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(Collins is the director of Partnerships Promoting Student Achievement in Mathematics at Boston College.)

A senator's work is never done, says intern now returned to college

Editor, *Townsman:*

Over the past summer I was fortunate enough to intern in the Statehouse for Andover's state senator, Sue Tucker. Sen.Tucker and her staff provided me with a hands-on experience in the frantic world of Massachusetts state politics.

During my time as an intern, the senator assigned varied tasks that allowed me to gain a new understanding of political life. I wanted to offer some insights from this experience.

Between waking up in the very early morning to prepare for constituent meetings and deliberating budget amendments late into the night, the Senator's schedule is always full. The work is seven days a week and seemingly never ends.

In what I feel is a rare quality in today's politics, Tucker impressed upon me the importance of working in a bipartisan way with Democrats and Republicans to move important issues forward.

I observed first hand the importance that Tucker attaches to responding to constituents. Whether it was fielding e-mails from high school students on state driving regulations or calls from senior citizens who needed help with their health care, I worked closely with the senator and her staff to keep constituents fully informed and communication channels always open.

There is an incredible level of public energy at the epicenter of state government. The week the budget was passed, I found myself engulfed in a flood of reporters, journalists, and protestors trying to get through the Statehouse doors. Much to the disappointment of my grandmother, I never appeared on the evening news during these events. I did, however, gain a unique view of the dynamics of interest groups and the media in politics.

Through the Statehouse's "Intern Lecture Series," I was able to hear top Massachusetts politicians speak. The list included former Governor Michael Dukakis, Speaker of the House Tom Finneran, and current Governor Mitt Romney. (Yes, Dukakis really is that short; and no, I don't know how Romney's hair stays in perfect place). The current governor's leadership presence was undeniable. One has to be impressed by his passion for the job, his genuine concern for the Commonwealth, his ability to communicate, and his general business and political savvy.

By the end of my stay, I was able to assist Tucker and her staff with meaningful research about key issues and ideas to help reform state government.

As my college sophomore year progresses, my experiences as an intern for Tucker have proven invaluable. As an aspiring political science major, I have been able to apply first-hand what I learned over the summer to my daily academic rigor.

I congratulate the senator and her staff for their many achievements and their enduring commitment to our collective well-being.

Daniel R. Lentz
University of Notre Dame,
Class of 2006
Andover High School
Class of 2002

THE THURSDAY FILE

Courage is not absence of despair; it is, rather, the capacity to move ahead in spite of despair. If you do not express your own original ideas, if you do not listen to your own being, you will have betrayed yourself. Everyone should develop fully his or her potential abilities and grow courageous in thought and straightforward in character.

MASARU IBUKA

Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.

JOEL A. BARKER

So when you are listening to somebody, completely, attentively, then you are listening not only to the words, but also to the feeling of what is being conveyed, to the whole of it, not part of it.

JIDDU KRISHNAMURTI

If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.

GEORGE ORWELL
ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

You can have everything in life you want, if you'll just help enough other people get what they want.

ZIG ZIGLAR

The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living. It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do,and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.

THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL
(A.K.A. DR. SUESS)

The sharing of joy, whether physical, emotional, psychic, or intellectual, forms a bridge between the sharers which can be the basis for understanding much of what is not shared between them, and lessens the threat of their difference.

AUDRE LORDE

The Oscar Wilde quotation

There are many things that we would throw away, if we were not afraid that others might pick them up.

Best quotation sent

Three billion people – nearly half the world's population – struggle to live on less than $2 a day.

LYNNE WARREN
IN *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC*
SEPTEMBER, 2003

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file on the Internet. The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

LETTERS

Tewksbury High meets state requirements for classroom time

Editor, *Townsman:*

Principal Peter Anderson at Andover High School need look no further than neighboring Tewksbury to find a high school that does meet the 990-hour requirement for its students. Since the 1993 Ed Reform Act became law, Tewksbury Memorial High School has had no study halls. Under the block schedule that we currently follow, each student is in class a total of 1,008 hours each school year.

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Chairman
Humanities Department
Tewksbury High School

Send letters to editor Neil Fater by e-mailing nfater@andovertownsman.com

Recent graduate:

Extra-curriculars extra important for development

Editor, *Townsman:*

Now that I am nearing the half-way point of my freshman year in college, I have one place to thank for the success I have found here, and that is Andover High School. I became the person I am today not particularly because of AHS's academics, but because of the extracurricular activities that I was involved in after school.

My afternoons were filled with a combination of theater rehearsals and hours in the television studio, as a member of the TV club. I was able to enjoy myself in a place where I felt comfortable. These hours spent interacting with other people who shared some of the same interests as myself led to my development both as a person and as a responsible individual with the tools to survive in the world. While hours spent in the academic classroom are extremely important, it is students' acceptance of responsibility out of the classroom that speaks to their true ability to succeed in the future.

Upon reading a recent issue of the *Townsman*, I saw that the high school no longer has a student government, and that is simply unacceptable in my eyes. Andover has a tradition of preparing its students for many of the best colleges and universities in the nation, a track record it has achieved because our students have so many opportunities available to them. College applications ask students about their extracurricular interests because they know that people who are involved in high school will continue to make a difference in college, which is exactly what excites the admissions counselors. When Andover High students apply to colleges in the future, what will they put in the extracurricular space? Do we want them to simply fill in "Budget Unavailable" and hope for the best?

While I understand that times are tough financially and that the town is in no way unaware or uninterested in this issue, I don't believe that the town is doing its best to solve it. The town of Andover must come together to solve this problem; it must find ways to raise the money and the time so that the kids currently "in the system" have the same opportunities as those that came before them. Previous students all had the chance to be a member of the student government, the art club, or whatever struck their fancy; doesn't our future deserve the same? I hope that in putting my thoughts to paper I have perhaps caused someone to think twice, and that with this new-found resolve people can work together to improve the situation.

Claire Rosenberg
of 3 Fossen Way, Andover
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Hamden, Conn.

Washington museum's ceremonies helped remember the Holocaust

Editor, *Townsman:*

I am writing this letter to share with readers my happiness at being at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Nov. 1 and 2 for the celebration of the 10th anniversary and a special tribute to Holocaust survivors.

It was an extraordinary weekend. The ceremony reunited survivors and their families from all over the United States. It was a time to remember the past and to look ahead to the future. The past was very painful, but we should never forget. The lessons the Holocaust teaches are needed more than ever in today's world.

The survivors built a family from more than 6,000 people on this occasion, and we all became friends for those short two days. Even if we didn't know each other before, we smiled, hugged and kisses each other like old friends.

We all had been in the same boat, but we survived the very hardest times of World War II. We all speak different languages, but we understood each other, even in silence. Looking into each other's eyes, sometimes with happiness through tears, we recognized the grief that we overcame in different countries like we had been together for the long time of World War II.

The Holocaust was a time of torment and terror. It was a time of killing 6 million Jewish and non-Jewish people. The Holocaust Memorial Museum is important in remembering those innocent lives lost in the Holocaust.

I lost my father in 1942 at the beginning of World War II, and I don't know where his grave is. I lost more than 20 relatives, and I myself was wounded in the bombing of Chechersk in Belarus, my town.

I survived, but I want my family – my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren – to know about the life of their ancestors. So, I wrote a book, a true story about these times. They should learn and be proud of the heroes who fought fascism for a better life and freedom.

I made America my new homeland and I am proud because here the Holocaust is never forgotten. Hundreds of thousands of survivors emigrated to the United States where they rebuilt their lives and enriched their adopted country.

The 10th anniversary of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was well organized. We had Shabbat services at the Renaissance Hotel on Saturday morning, and dinner at the Convention Center for more than 4,000 people. Guests at the tribute made speeches as did some survivors and we all sang Yiddish songs. I was with my son-in-law, Yefim Seifer, and my grandson Phil Maymin and his wife Yelena. We went from table to table, introducing ourselves. The next day, Sunday, we all met each other like long-time friends and listened to a concert in Yiddish for more than three hours in the lunch time.

There was a tribute ceremony at the Eisenhower Plaza at 2 p.m. President Bush sent a greeting that was read by Brad Blakeman, a former Museum Council member and deputy assistant to the president and director of president appointments and scheduling. We listened to different speeches and saw how the time capsule was buried. Finally, we sang a Yiddish song together.

It was a good schedule those two days, and the attention that was paid to us by the staff and volunteers of the museum was outstanding. It was a weekend for remembering the survivors.

Maria Maimina
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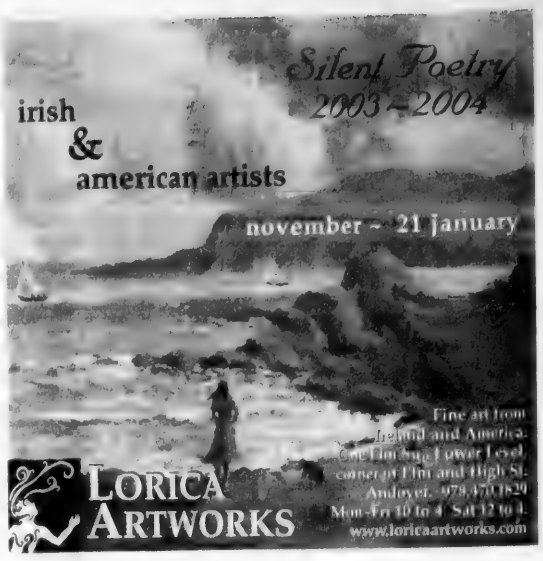

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OBITUARIES

Peter A. Stern

Phillips '51 grad ran family hosiery business

Peter A. Stern, 71, of Hampton, N.H. died Friday, Nov. 21 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, Mr. Stern was raised in Andover and graduated from Phillips Academy in 1951 and from Harvard University in 1955. In college, he served in the NROTC and then the Navy, achieving rank of lieutenant commander.

Mr. Stern ran the family hosiery business, Marum WWF, in Sobernheim, Germany and later founded and ran Oyster Bay Hosiery until his retirement.

He was a member of several local Rotary Clubs, a charter member of the Bad Kreuznach Nahetal Rotary Club, and was on the executive committee of the National Hosiery Association.

Members of his family include his wife, Elizabeth "Lisa" (McEvoy) Stern; sons, Robert Stern and his wife Roxanne, and Richard Stern and his wife Cynthia, all of Boxford; daughters, Julie Stern of Hong Kong and Holly Stern of New York, N.Y.; brother, George Stern of North Andover; a sister, Eva Breckenridge of Burlington, Vt.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018.

Arrangements were by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill.

John J. Cronin

Local businessman attended St. Augustine's

John J. Cronin, 87, of Andover, died Friday, Nov. 21 at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Born in Lawrence, he attended Lawrence High School.

He was a partner in J.J. Cronin Co. of North Reading and owner of F&S Transit Mix of Manchester, N.H.

Mr. Cronin was a member of St. Augustine Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, the Lanam Club, and was a charter member of the Manchester Country Club.

He was the widower of Irene (Moran) Cronin.

Members of his family include his life companion, Katherine Sheehy of Andover; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Wladyslaw Socha

Longtime resident taught education, psychology at Merrimack College

Wladyslaw "Walter" Socha, 75, of Pelham, N.H. and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, Nov. 22 at D'Youville Senior Care Center in Lowell.

Born in Adams, he received a bachelor's degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he also earned his master's degree in psychology.

He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

Prior to his retirement, he was a professor of education and psychology at Merrimack College in North Andover for more than 32 years.

Mr. Socha lived in Andover for more than 40 years before moving to Pelham, N.H.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Pelham.

Members of his family include his wife of 48 years, Frances (Kurpaska) Socha; daughters, Paula DeProspero and her husband Alan of Enfield, Conn., and Tonia M. Socha of Westford; sons, Joseph P. Socha and his wife Becky of Londonderry, N.H., Andrew Socha and his wife Laura of Westford, and Martin C. Socha and his wife Paula of Pelham, N.H.; sisters, Judy Dwileski of Rennslear, N.Y., and Helen Wrzochalski of Watervliet, N.Y.; brothers, Louis Socha of Pittsfield, John and Steven Socha, both of Adams, and Stanley Socha of Chapel Hill, N.C.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the D'Youville Senior Care Foundation, 981 Varnum Ave., Lowell, MA 01852; or Catholic Relief Services, 209 West Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

Arrangements were by the Pelham Funeral Home, 11 Nashua Road, Pelham, N.H.

Marion H. Bennett

Andover native was sales clerk and secretary

Marion H. Bennett, 93, of Seabrook, N.H. died Monday, Nov. 17 at Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood, N.H.

Born in Andover, she was a sales clerk at the Seabrook Beach 5 & 10 and, prior to that, was a secretary for the New Hampshire Motor Rate Bureau in Manchester, N.H. for 10 years.

Mrs. Bennett moved to Seabrook Beach in 1954 and was a member of the Church of Christ in Seabrook.

She was the widow of Joseph E. Bennett.

Members of her family include her granddaughters, Cheryl A. Casey of Seabrook and Kim E. Dodier of Hampton, N.H.; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Marion E. Fournier.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ, Box 1357, Seabrook, NH 03874.

Arrangements were by Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

DEATHS

Marion H. Bennett, 93
John J. Cronin, 87
Arthur Olsen Jr., 66
Olga J. LaFrance
Mary J. Minzner, 80
James C. O'Hara, 95
Rolland J. Roy, 76
Wladyslaw Socha, 75
Peter A. Stern, 71
John W. Zimmer, 78

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

LAFRANCE – Olga Jean (Hulub) LaFrance of North Andover and formerly of Methuen, died Monday, Nov. 17 at Prescott House in North Andover. She worked at Raytheon in Andover.

MINZNER – Mary J. Minzner, 80, of Lawrence and a summer resident of Derry, N.H., died Monday, Nov. 24. Members of her family include a brother, Francis A. O'Connor, and his wife, Margaret (Lyons), of Andover.

OLSEN – Arthur Olsen Jr., 66, of Haverhill, died Wednesday, Nov. 19 at home. Members of his family include his son, Keith E. Olsen and his former wife, Ethel A. (Helgensen) Olsen, both of Andover.

ROY – Rolland J. Roy, 76, of Port Richey, Fla. and formerly of Tewksbury, died Sunday, Nov. 23. Members of his family include his daughter, Linda S. Chiozzi of Andover.

James C. O'Hara

Was senior vice president of Chase Bank

James C. O'Hara, 95, formerly of Coral Gables, Fla., died Sunday, Nov. 23 at Wingate at Andover.

He was born in New York City and retired in 1975 as a senior vice president of Chase Bank.

Mr. O'Hara was a graduate of Georgetown University and served in the U.S. Navy during Word War II.

He was the widower of Mary (Sheridan) O'Hara.

Members of his family include two daughters, Maureen O'Hara and her companion, Tom Scola of Miami, Fla. and Suzanne O'Connor and her husband Walter of Andover; and three grandchildren, including James and Liz O'Hara of Andover.

There are no calling hours.

A Mass was to be celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, Andover. Burial will take place in Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Regis High School, 55 East 48th St., New York, NY 10028; or the Andover Senior Center, 1 Whittier Court, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements are by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

John W. Zimmer

Retired from Wang Laboratories

John W. "Buzz" Zimmer, 78, of South Williamsport, Pa. and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center.

Mr. Zimmer retired from Wang Laboratories, where he had been a troubleshooter for computer problems. He had previously been employed by the Lowell Molding Corp. and Teel Manufacturing Co. and had also been formerly employed by the Avco-Lycoming in Williamsport from 1952 to 1963.

Mr. Zimmer was a US Navy Veteran of World War II. He was awarded the American, European, and Pacific theatre ribbons, the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He was a lifetime member of the Leroy O. Buck Post 7863, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Duboistown.

Mr. Zimmer was a former member of St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Members of his family include his wife of 11 years, Shirley J. Ranck Zimmer of South Williamsport; daughter, Delores Zimmer of Andover; two grandsons, John and Michael Zimmer of Andover; stepdaughter, Michelle Koons of Williamsport; two stepsons, Eric D. and his wife Barbara Ranck of South Williamsport and Rev. G. Scoot and his wife Gayle Ranck of Chesapeake, Va.; sister, Ann and her husband Dale Gilmore of Valpariso, Ind.; and seven stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nora Belle Dauber Zimmer, who died in 1991. He was also preceded in death by a brother, William Zimmer.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover.

Arrangements are by the Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago – 1903

Fred S. Angus spent Thanksgiving at his home on Mineral Street.

H.F. Chase has a number of fowls entered this week at the Poultry Show in Brockton.

A sub-target machine gun has been presented to Phillips Academy and has been placed in the gymnasium for the use of the students. The machine was a gift of a friend of the school.

The selectmen have been petitioned by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for permission to erect poles and wires thereon Elm Street, from Maple to Walnut avenues.

Word was received Monday in Andover, of the death of Mrs. Jessie (Mitchell) Miller, which occurred in Detroit, Mich., Thursday, Nov. 10, after undergoing a very painful and severe operation.

It was an interesting game of football played on the Playstead yesterday morning between the Crescents and the Guild. Neither side was able to score. The teams were evenly matched in weight and speed, and a well fought game was a result.

The Andover roller polo team added another to their list of victories last evening, when they had the North Ends for their opponents at the Lawrence City Hall, by the score of 2 to 1.

Last Sunday morning, Rev. F.A. Wilson of the Free Church preached a sermon appropriate to the Thanksgiving season.

No alarm was sounded, no whistle blown or bell rung, but a more serene invitation called the "fire laddies" with their ladies and a huge gathering of friends to their annual concert and ball, which was held on Wednesday, Thanksgiving eve.

The members of the senior class at Punchard are to canvas the town for a course of lectures, notice of which is given in another column. The course is a very good one, and it is hoped that the public will be interested.

75 Years Ago – 1928

A very beautiful concert of chamber music was given at Abbot Academy on Tuesday night before a large audience. The concert was the first in the centennial series to be given this year.

A turkey whist will be held at the Andover Square and Compass Club this evening.

Through the generosity of Phillips Academy cooperating with the board of public works, the children of Andover will have a safe place to skate this winter on the meadow just off Morton Street, near the center of Chestnut, which has recently been flooded.

A very successful bridge party was held Wednesday afternoon at the November clubhouse under the auspices of the Andover Historical Society.

Colonial "Pewter" is now in vogue and A.F. Rivard, jeweler, is showing it as a dealer. (9/23/28)

More than 100 members of the Free Church have signed a petition circulated by the Federation of Churches in America, asking the US Senate to ratify the multilateral treaty for renouncing war as an instrument of national policy.

The Boy Scouts of Troops 6, 7 and 8 of St. Augustine Parish are practically ready for the presentation of their musical oddity, *The Jolly Buccaneers*, which will be given in the Town Hall.

The opening meeting in the November Club last Monday, presided over by the new president, Miss Fonnie Davis, took the form of a luncheon and presentation of the year's programs, both for a club as a whole and its various departments.

A four-act religion drama, "The Glow Unseen," was presented Wednesday evening in the Free Church by the Verne Jay players, ably assisted by local talent. The large audience present attested to the interest taken in this effective method of presenting religious truths.

50 Years Ago – 1953

Andover's volunteer community chest workers reached 100 percent of their goal Monday night as they reported $24,057 collected during the 1954 campaign, which ended today.

All friends of Memorial Hall Library are cordially invited to the annual open house to be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22.

Sealed bids on the new Ballardvale sewerage project were opened by the board of public works Tuesday night.

Funds with which to operate Channel 2, Eastern Massachusetts' forthcoming noncommercial educational television station, will be sought in a major public appeal under the chairmanship of Dr. Claude M. Fuess, headmaster-emeritus of Philips Academy.

Postmaster Stephen A. Boland stated today that with the approach of the Christmas season the co-operation of the public in preparing for early mailing of greeting cards and gift parcels is an important factor in facilitating their dispatch and delivery.

The Andover Taxpayers Association will hold its annual meeting in Memorial Hall Library at 8 p.m. Monday.

The Punchard Girls Band will conduct a tag day Wednesday, Nov. 25 for the purpose of raising funds to repair and purchase band instruments.

A shield of the Borough of Andover, England, has been received by Roy E. Hardy, chairman of the board of selectmen, together with a letter from Mrs. Maud Sainsbury, mayor of the borough, bringing good wishes from the council and the people of her town.

Another festive Christmas program designed to attract people to Andover during the coming holiday season is in the making, according to plans now being prepared by the Andover Board of Trade.

The Union Thanksgiving day service of the Andover Council of Churches will be held in Christ Church at 9 a.m., Thanksgiving Day.

From an Editorial: Many theories have been offered as to why the Soviet Union has not attacked and overrun Western Europe. One of these is not so widely known as it should be. It is that Russia's lack of a modern railway system has made invasion too risky.

25 Years Ago – 1978

Permission for extension of a gravel removal permit for George Chongris for a Blanchard Street location was denied by selectmen Monday night.

Appreciative for the rapid processing of permits needed for construction of its new plant in West Andover, Polaroid officials conducted official groundbreaking ceremonies at the site Monday morning.

An Andover postal worker was fatally injured early Wednesday in an automobile-motorcycle crash on Broadway in Lawrence.

School building committee members, school and town officials were conducting a think-tank session Wednesday night relative to the school construction project which will head to town meeting next April.

Traffic remains a principal irritant to neighbors of the Raytheon plant in West Andover, according to views expressed at a hearing on the proposed plant expansion Monday night.

The Christmas window display contest will be repeated this year by popular demand.

Andover ABC (A Better Chance), on the heels of its 10th anniversary celebration, has launched a major fundraising drive to insure operation for the next three years.

Rabbi Harry A. Roth will be honored by the Lawrence-Andover Jewish community at a State of Israel Tribute dinner, held on behalf of the Greater Lawrence Israel Bond program, Saturday evening, Dec. 2 at Temple Emanuel in Lawrence.

There are some fears that a special town meeting Dec. 11 may have problems attaining a quorum, or that the issues will not generate the interest for a fair assessment of the issued during the holiday season.

The Warriors and coach Dick Collins knew that, ironically, in a game between two offensive-minded teams (Andover and Dracut), the team the plays the best defense usually wins, but knowing it was not enough.

– Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann

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While most baby teeth end up under the pillow for the tooth fairy, primary teeth may be put to better use. Scientists have recently been able to coax stem cells from the pulp that clings to baby teeth that are shed. They then convert those stem cells into fat, brain cells, precursors of teeth and bone, and other body tissues. While stem cells hold considerable potential in treating a wide range of diseases, from Parkinson's to diabetes, many people have objected to use of embryos as a source of these versatile cells, which are able to become virtually any cell in the body. On the hand, stem cells derived from baby teeth raised no such concerns.

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

No metal detected

School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood was known to recycle school department paper clips to save money (*Town Talk*, Nov. 13, page 11), but that effort isn't necessary any more, she says. The School Committee agenda and meeting minutes used to be hand-delivered to committee members, but they recently began receiving the documents electronically.

"There are no longer metal paper clips to deal with. We are dealing with downloading our information," says Girdwood.

Girdwood says she hopes the School Committee's move to eliminate paper waste will be an example for other town boards.

– Ben Hellman

A special production

Scott and Cindy Worthley got four special additions to their family recently. Cindy Worthley gave birth to quadruplets, four boys, on Oct. 31. All four – Alexander, Benjamin, Christopher and Dillon Worthley – are doing well, but are still in the hospital because they were born 10 weeks prematurely. Cindy Worthley is also doing well.

Cindy Worthley runs Dance Infusion, a dance school in town. Scott Worthley is the manager of the Collins Center for the Performing Arts and technical director for most productions at the center. They were married last summer and this was their first pregnancy.

Scott Worthley said they would now need a van.

– Ben Hellman

If these walls could talk…

An Andover home once thought to have a dark history is up for sale. The Abbot House at 9 Andover St. has a listing price of $598,500 with American Landmark realty. The house was connected to an Andover woman, Martha Carrier, who some say became a social pariah after she brought the first case of smallpox to town. Carrier was known as the "Queen of Hell," and was accused of witchcraft and hanged.

Carrier's accuser was Benjamin Abbot, of the second generation of the influential Abbot family. Abbot was in a land dispute with Carrier and claimed that she cursed him and caused him to break out in boils. He said they went away after she was jailed. Carrier's land went to Abbot after her death.

It was once thought that Carrier lived in the Abbot house at 9 Andover St. However, the PBS program *History Detectives* did a segment on the house in July and came to the conclusion that while the house was built on what was Carrier's land, Abbot built it after Carrier's death.

– Ben Hellman

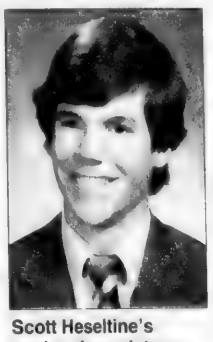
It's a pretty-in-pink theme for Linda Costello's holiday birch tree as her tree is included in the Festival of Trees in Methuen. Above is a closeup of her Santa fairy ornament while the bottom photo is of her one-of-a-kind tree.

Heseltine hockey tourney remembers car crash victim

It's been 21 years – and family laces up for the first time

When the puck drops at 3:30 tomorrow, Friday afternoon, to signal the start of the Scott Heseltine Memorial Hockey Tournament, there may not be a dry eye at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

While the three-day tournament is a fixture on Andover's youth hockey scene - it's been held for the past 21 years – this year is particularly bittersweet for the Heseltine family, an Andover family with deep roots in town that date back to the 1930s.



Scott Heseltine's senior class picture, 1982.

Playing for Andover will be 8-year-old Charles "Chaz" Heseltine – the fast-skating nephew Scott didn't live to see. Behind the Andover bench will be head coach Charlie Heseltine, the big brother who is now an Andover police detective sergeant. As always, Scott's father, George Heseltine of Enmore Street, will drop the puck for the first game's opening face-off.

All of them will do their best to hold back tears as they will be thinking about the tragic car accident that killed Scott and his classmate, Michael Darwin, who was also of Andover.

Scott Heseltine playing hockey in Andover, 1978.

It was February 1982 when the two teens headed to Wakefield after a basketball game to drop off a friend. They were driving in a Wakefield rotary that leads to Route 128 when the accident happened.

"They were hit from the side at the rotary. Michael died instantly while Scottie was brain dead. He was on life support for four days," said a teary Norma Gammon of Abbot Street, who is Scott's aunt.

She remembers how he held campaign signs for her on Saturday mornings when she was running for a selectman's seat. "He was just a wonderful kid," she said.

Darwin was the son of Richard and Dorothy Darwin who still live in Andover on Millstone Circle. The teen boys were friends as they both attended Austin Prepatory School in Reading.

At the time, Scott, 18, lived on Argyle Street with his parents, George and the late Helen Heseltine, and his two brothers, Charlie and George. Scott was halfway through his senior year and toward a terrific future when the accident happened.

"He had just been accepted to Villanova University a week before," said an emotional Charlie Heseltine as he reflected on the life his brother was supposed to lead. "And, he was a good athlete. He loved hockey and I guess that's what this is all about. With this tournament, Scott's memory and love for the game live on."

Like so many young skaters around town, Scott first laced up at the age of 4, taking part in the townwide hockey initiation program. As time went on, he moved up the Andover Hockey Association's skating levels, playing for mite through midget teams.

The Heseltines were a hockey family as Scott's brothers also played the game. Ironically, George Heseltine, who now lives in Connecticut, was playing in a Bantam hockey tournament in Canada when he got the call about his brother's accident. Scott's father coached town hockey for 22 years.

"I'm so glad it lives on," said Louis Stellar, who started the tournament on the Thanksgiving weekend after Scott was killed and ran it for the first 10 years.

"I knew the family," said Stellar, who is formerly of Andover. "That tragedy motivated us to do something for them."

In the early days, Scott's father and uncle always refereed the final tournament game and Stellar said it was always an emotional time.

"There were not too many dry eyes when they stepped on the ice," he said.

Also stepping on the ice every year are young skaters playing at the Mite 1 level. Mite teams are made up of 7- and 8-year-olds and the Mite 1 players are the top team for their age group.

Eight towns – North Andover, Tewksbury, Masconomet, Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, North Reading and Andover – are taking part this year.

This year, all games will be played at the Harrison Rink at Phillips Academy throughout the weekend.

Many attendees will certainly be thinking about the Heseltines.

"Bittersweet" is how hockey mom Sue Coneeny of Belle Haven Drive described the upcoming weekend scene at the rink.

"It's the first time a Heseltine has ever participated in the tournament, let alone a father and son."

Parents say the win-loss record is irrelevant in this tournament – Andover has won just four times in 21 years. Rather, it's about remembering one of their own and taking time to be thankful for family as the holiday season begins. That's why the timing of this tournament – held every Thanksgiving weekend – is so appropriate.

"...Take the time this weekend to reflect, pray and give thanks for what we are fortunate to have," the parents wrote in a group message that appears in the tournament program.

Coneeny said hockey parents will be doing just that and especially thinking of Scott Heseltine, who would have turned 40 next Tuesday, Dec. 2.

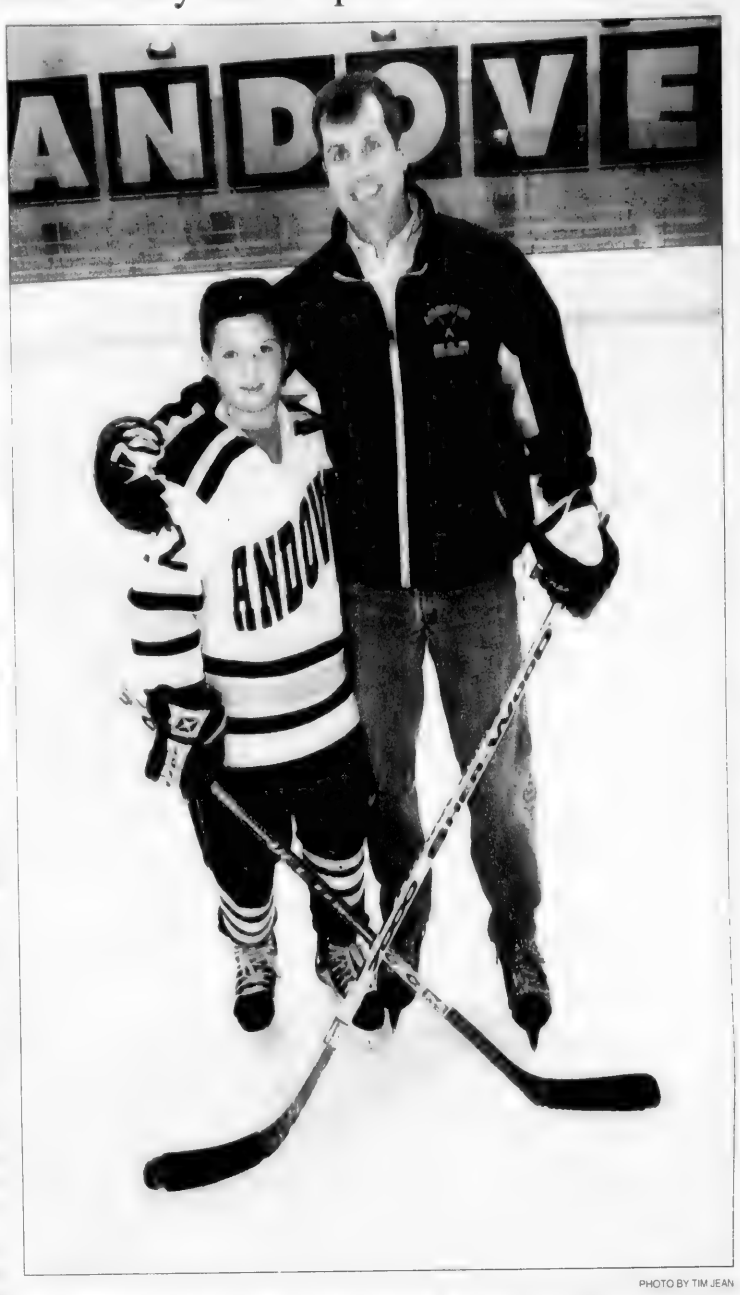


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A legacy on ice – Chaz Heseltine, 8, and his father and head coach, Charlie Heseltine, are ready to begin play in the three-day Scott Heseltine Memorial Hockey Tournament, named for Chaz's uncle and Charlie's brother Scott, who was killed in a tragic car accident in February 1982. The tournament has honored Scott's memory for 21 years.

Holiday kickoff is all about the trees

By Judy Wakefield

Andover has both a presence and a present at Methuen's popular tree festival.

Currently underway and running through Saturday, Dec. 6, the event features more than 100 decorated trees and serves as a perfect holiday kickoff for attendees as well as the tree decorators. Seven of those decorators are representing Andover, including Linda Costello, whose tree features an oversized present as a base.

Costello is one of those devoted tree decorators as this marks her eighth year taking part in the festival. This hair stylist, who works at Point of View salon in downtown Andover and is also a cosmetology teacher at Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover, is well-known in tree decorating circles as she has won many awards over the years for her creative tree tops and tree designs.

She starts planning her design months before the event and wouldn't think of not taking part because she has so much fun coming up with a unique tree theme. By mid-summer she is typically immersed in her theme for the festival.

She says the festival is a great way to kick off the holidays. And, this year, many kids from Greater Lawrence are helping. They helped with this year's very pink and very unique tree.

"This year is a real team effort," Costello said, as students at the school's various shops each took on a role for the tree assembly.

Carpentry made a three-foot-by-three-foot wooden base while metal fabrication made a 9-foot centering pole to hold birch tree branches. Art students helped with colors and Costello chose white lights and pinkish Santa fairies as the ornaments.

The base of the tree is wrapped like a Christmas present and the tree is named "Surprise."

If you want to check out "Surprise" and all the other trees, here's what you need to know about Methuen's Tree Festival:

WHEN: Through Saturday, Dec. 6;
WHERE: Valley Office Park, 13 Branch St., Methuen;
COST: $6, seniors $4, children under 12 free;
HOURS: Weekdays from 5 to 9 p.m.; weekends 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.;
RAFFLES: Festival-goers buy raffle tickets and take a chance on the trees. Every tree is raffled as proceeds benefit Methuen's Historical Society;
MORE INFO: www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com, 978-685-8878.

OTHER TREE DESIGNERS FROM ANDOVER:

- Debra Rodgers, Center Street
- Sarah LaCroix, Colleen Kurlansky of Devine Millimet, 300 Brickstone Square
- Essex Orthopaedics, 140 Haverhill St
- Maureen Saba, Maureen Saba's Maternal Health & Fitness, 3 Dundee Park
- Sarah Marcoux, Balmoral Street
- Donna DeCiccio, Wingate

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Julia Donovan Winter

Julia Donovan Winter celebrated her first birthday at her grandparents' home in Andover on Nov. 3. She is the daughter of Norb and Debbie (Donovan) Winter of St. Paul, Minn. Grandparents are Bill and Linda Donovan of Andover and Norb and Karen Winter of St. Paul, Minn. Great-grandmother is Stella Brown of Lynn. Julia loves reading books, dancing to music and chasing the cat.

Jacob Robert Brezner

Jacob Robert Brezner turned 1 on Nov. 21. His parents are Howard and Judy Brezner of Andover. Grandparents are Robert and Catherine Kilcoyne of North Andover and Rochelle Brezner of Hudson, Mass. Great-grandmother is Mary Kilcoyne of Andover. Jake likes to play ball, listen to music and make his family laugh.

Colin James Bourque

Colin James Bourque celebrated his first birthday Nov. 24. He is the son of Jack and Dianne (Jurgen) Bourque of Bradford. Colin loves his grandparents, Bob and Mel Jurgen of Andover and Charlie Bourque of Everett. He also loves playing with his dog Milo, throwing things in the tub, and riding in his Radio Flyer. "We love you, Colin... we can't believe how lucky we are to have you!"

Ben Tannenbaum

Ben Tannenbaum will turn 1 year old Sunday, Nov. 30. His parents are Bruce and Jennie Tannenbaum of Andover. Ben's 5-year-old brother, Jordan, enjoys singing songs and dancing to make Ben laugh. One of Ben's favorite activities is going for a giraffe ride on his yellow wooden giraffe.

Isabella Alden Woods

Isabella Alden Woods turns 1 year old today, Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27. She is the daughter of Eric and Jen Woods of Derry, N.H. Grandparents are Dean and Kathy Romig of Andover and Gary and Nancy Woods of Concord, N.H. Great-grandparents are Frank and Hope Nerden of Danvers and Grace Romig of Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Charles Damory of Manchester, N.H. Isabella loves to play at home with her dog, Dunkin.

Ashley Sarah Grover

Ashley Sarah Grover celebrated her first birthday Nov. 25. Mom and Dad are Suzanne and Aaron Grover of Andover. Ashley is adored by her big brother Zach. He likes to feed her and make her laugh. Nana and Papa from Hampstead, N.H., and Milton, Mass. are a big part of their lives. During Ashley's first year, she has enjoyed going to work with her mom, to the beach, and traveling. "Her bright blue eyes and great big smile will warm any heart. You are our sunshine!"

Bryan Haohua Zeng

Bryan Haohua Zeng turned 1 on Nov. 6. His parents are Xiaolin and Kin Ho Zeng of Andover. Bryan's grandparents are Xiaoshan and Yin Lin Zeng and Yongzong and Zhiwen Li He, all of Canton, China. Bryan adores his brother, Alex, 3. He loves to watch Baby Einstein videos, play with the colorful balls in the Gumball Castle, and play with the remote control, VCR and television. "We are thankful for having you, Bryan, our big DiDi ('*little brother*' in Chinese)."

Abigail Paige Poulin

Abigail Paige Poulin celebrated her first birthday Nov. 26. Abigail's parents are Aaron and Pamela Poulin of Methuen, formerly of Andover. Her grandparents are Diana Wagner of Haverhill and Joan and Ray Brooks of Newburyport. Abigail is a very happy baby. She loves looking at books, dancing and playing with Elmo.

DECEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAY PHOTOS & WRITE-UPS ARE DUE FRIDAY, DEC. 19 AT 5 P.M.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Holiday Craft Sale: The senior center will sponsor a holiday craft, plant and bake sale Friday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All kinds of seasonal crafts, decorations and gift items will be featured, along with poinsettias and a great selection of bakery items.

Massage Therapy: The senior center has the services of a licensed massage therapist onsite on Monday mornings. Seated upper-body chair massages are available at the reduced cost of $12 for a 20-minute treatment. Call the center if you would like to make an appointment.

Exercise Registration: Registration for the winter semester of exercise classes will take place the weeks of Nov. 24 and Dec 1. Classes will be offered in tai chi, men's exercise, senior modified yoga, easy exercise, low-impact aerobics, water workout and strength training for women. Classes will begin the week of Dec. 10 and run for 12 weeks. Anyone who is interested should plan to drop by the center during registration weeks.

Edaville Railroad – Festival of Lights: Come aboard as we relax on a train ride through a beautiful display of holiday lights as well as enjoy dinner at the Fireside Grille. We will be traveling Tuesday, Dec. 9, leaving from the center at 2 p.m. Cost of the trip will be $45, which includes dinner, ticket and transportation. Registration deadline is Dec. 2; contact Bernadette at the center for further information.

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater: "Robert Burns Birthday Party: A Scots Celebration" will take place Sunday, Feb. 1. This will be a memorable event with bagpipes, sword dancers as well as authentic Scottish and American food. Cost of the trip is $35, which includes dinner, entertainment and transportation. The Playhouse is anticipating a sellout for this particular event and so our registration deadline is Dec. 2. We will leave the center at 11 a.m.; contact Bernadette for further information.

Weekly Classes: Don't forget that there are lots of classes that are held on a regular basis at the center. Newcomers are always welcome. Think about joining us for bridge, writing, art, dolls for dolls, needle art, woodcarving, quilting, choral group, cribbage, blood pressure clinic, spirituality, ping pong and intergenerational programs. Call Pat for further information.

Rhode Island Flower Show: If there is enough interest, the center will offer a trip to the Rhode Island Flower Show on Thursday, Feb. 19. Cost of the trip will be $28. Reservations must be made no later than Friday, Dec. 19.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m., we will show the recent comedy, *Daddy Day Care*, a family-friendly movie about a father who opens his own day care center, with hilarious results. No charge; just drop in.

Fix-it Shop: Our December fix-it shop will take place on Monday the 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This will be the last chance to get something fixed before the holidays.

Christmas Eve Brunch & Open House: The center will hold its traditional Christmas Eve brunch and open house on Wednesday, Dec. 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $3; drop in and join us.

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Arts & Entertainment

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Di Bostoner Klezmer is a group of musicians who play a full range of klezmer traditional Jewish, Hasidic music, as well as Israeli and swing. The group will give a free concert Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day

Feaster Five, hosted by Merrimack Valley Striders. Kid's K, $5, 8 a.m.; 5 K run and walk 8:30 a.m.; 5-mile run and walk, 8:30 a.m., $25 after Nov. 23, race day entries accepted; Dave McGillivary Sports Enterprises Inc. 978-774-3842, www.feasterfive.com.

Thanksgiving service, all are welcome, the service includes reading for the occasion, and an opportunity for those attending to express their thoughts and gratitude, 10:30 a.m., First Church of Christ, Scientist, 287 North Main St.; 978-475-3213.

Road Race, Alternative House annual Thanks-for-Giving road race, $15-$20, 8 a.m., all proceeds benefit Alternative House's transitional housing program, Lowell Lodge Elks, Old Ferry Road, Lowell for more information call; 978-937-5777, www.coolrunning.com.

Friday, November 28

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Sam Walters, Anne Maneikis, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Festival of Trees, fabulously decorated trees, runs through Dec. 6, $6, $4 seniors, under 12 free, Valley Office Park, 13 Branch St., Methuen; 978-685-8878 or www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com.

Theater, Stoneham Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*, $32, $27 seniors, and $16 for students and children, 8 p. m., Stoneham Theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham; tickets 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.

Saturday, November 29

Tree lighting, Brickstone Square's annual Holiday Tree Lighting, free, festivities begin 5:30 p.m., tree lighting 6 p.m., rain or shine, 200 Brickstone Square, all attending are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots program.; 978-475-4000.

Wreath sale, Andover High School Marching Band wreath sale, 8 a.m.-noon, Old Town Hall; Susan Spollett 978-475-6356.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Sam Walters, Anne Maneikis, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, two shows, Turkey Hollow, 7 p.m., $10-$12, Evan Goodrow Band, $5, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Ethan Bessey, $8, 8 p.m., Crescent Dragon Gallery and Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; call for prices; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

City of Lights Parade, the Downtown Lowell Business Association with the City of Lowell will hold the annual City of Lights Parade and Celebration, 4:30 p.m., throughout the downtown, free parking, no parking on Merrimack St. after 2 p.m., Central and Merrimack streets and Arcand Drive will close at 3:30 p.m.; 978-387-4358.

Theater, performance of *Oklahoma*, Andover resident Timothy Smith worked on set design, $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and students, 7:30 p.m., Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, on the St. John's campus, 72 Spring St., Danvers; tickets may be purchased in advance by e-mailing rsantoro @stjohnsprep.org, or calling 978-774-1050 Ext. 377, and the box office on school days from 3 to 5 p.m, and at the door as available.

Winter fair, the Salem Main Streets Initiative presents the annual Winter Welcome holiday open house noon to 5 p.m., featuring local merchants from downtown, Pickering Wharf, and the waterfront district, Main St., Salem; 978-740-1208.

A Christmas Carol, 8 p.m., *see Nov. 28 entry*.

Sunday, November 30

48th annual Andover Firefighters Santa Parade, as in past years, the Santa Parade begins at 1 p.m., at Whittier Street, goes left onto Elm Street, left onto Main Street

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A vision of ambiguity

Kathleen Cook, AHS art teacher, exhibiting in Newburyport show

By Ben Hellman

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL ART TEACHER Kathleen Cook spends most of her time in the public eye. A showing of her paintings currently at the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport brings the personal, private sphere of her life into public view.

Cook has taught at Andover High School for 32 years, but only began painting seriously two years ago. She describes her work at the school as "very public" and her work as an artist as "completely personal."

"(They are) two different parts of the same creature," says Cook.

Cook teaches painting and was a co-founder of the popular interdisiplinary course "Odyssey" which explores different cultures and historical times to teach students to become independent thinkers. "That's the passion of my teaching career," says Cook.

Cook is part of the teacher mentoring program at AHS. She considers teaching and painting both to be arts that are continually refined with practice. Cook says helping younger teachers and working with colleagues is as rewarding as teaching students. "Teaching is just a wonderful, fun thing to do. It's the best thing. It's the very best thing," she says.

Cook has three series of paintings on display at the Firehouse Center. One set, "The Interregnum Series," depicts a place between the sense of sight and other senses. She says the ambiguity welcomes the viewer to get caught up and explore the images.

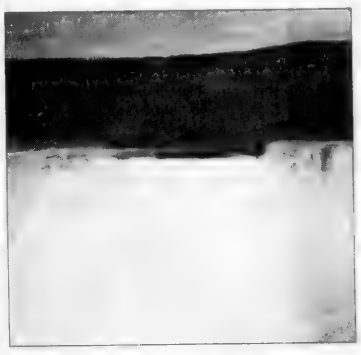
Cook says it is harder to talk about her art works that do not depict real objects. The images she creates come from the act of painting, she says. "The work evolves as it develops on the canvas," she says.

Cook's work sells at Alpers Fine Art Gallery on Main Street in Andover. Her work was also shown at the Cambridge Art Association's 2003 juried show "Passion."

PHOTO BY T. MULLAN

Kathleen Cook has taught at Andover High School for 32 years.

"Three Series – Paintings by Kathleen Doyle Cook" is on display through Dec. 14 at the Firehouse in Newburyport. Above and below are two pieces from the exhibit, one untitled; one part of her "Innervisions" series.



Kicking off the holidays

Brickstone Tree lighting, Santa Parade on tap this weekend

FILE PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

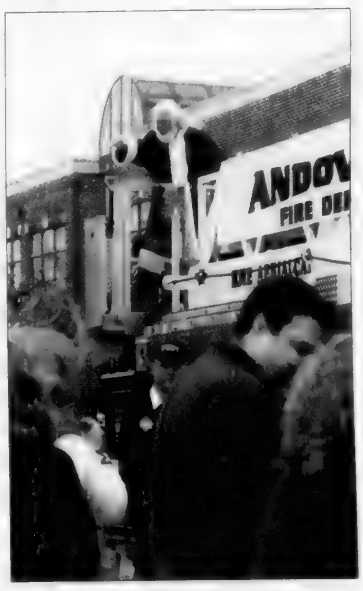
The Brickstone Tree lighting will take place this Saturday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

THERE WILL BE A CHANGING of the holiday guard this year. Unlike past years, the annual Sunday afternoon Andover Firefighters Santa Parade (the 48th such event), *follows* the Brickstone Tree lighting this year, which will take place Saturday night instead of Sunday.

This Saturday, Nov. 29 at 5:30, the tree-lighting ceremony will turn Brickstone Square into a holiday treat that will be visible for miles. Every weekend until Christmas, kids will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap, ride on a carousel or just admire the 96-foot-tall, 30,000-pound Norway Spruce tree. A total of 20,000 lights are ready to be turned on, and 1,250 ornaments and 1,250 red bows adorn the branches of the giant Brickstone tree.Those who come down to Brickstone Square are encouraged to bring an unwrapped new toy for the Toys for Tots program. Proceeds from pictures with Santa will benefit the YMCA.

As in past years, the Santa Parade begins at 1 p.m. this Sunday, Nov. 30 at Whittier Street, goes left onto Elm Street, left onto Main Street through downtown, and left onto Punchard Street where it finishes.

The rain/snow date is Sunday, Dec. 7.



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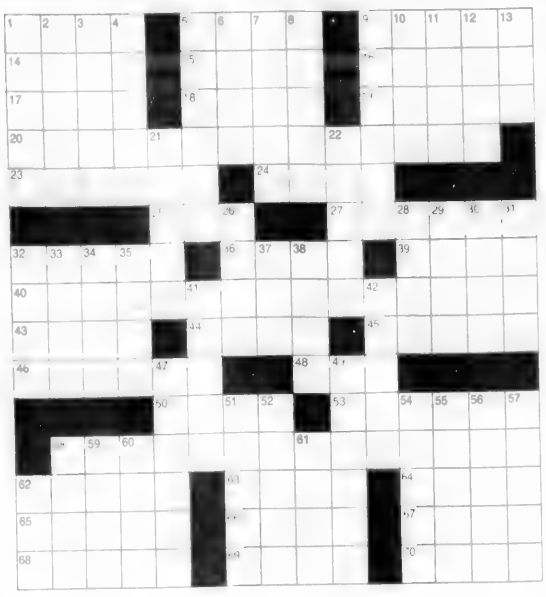

CLUES ACROSS

1. Box without landing a blow
5. Long, heavy hair
9. Render sacred
14. Soft drink
15. Surrounded by
16. Comforts
17. 16th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
18. Tear down (archaic)
19. Ancient pillars
20. Aesop's canine
23. Ice cream served with a topping
24. Romanian city
25. Explosive
27. Member of U.S. Navy
32. Jewelled headdress
36. A Polynesian rain dance
39. Imitative of art or artists
40. 1963 Tony-winning play
43. Double curve
44. Cobras
45. Pep pills
46. In a way, spilled
48. Old world, new
50. Vasco da __, Portuguese explorer
53. Type of gasoline
58. January 1, 2000
62. Satchel ___, baseball pitcher
63. Dry cold north wind in SE France
64. Spanish city
65. Arm bones
66. Galls
67. Not synthetic
68. Type of fruit trees
69. For fear that
70. Lean-fleshed fish

CLUES DOWN

1. A great abundance
2. Argentine armadillo
3. Place in line
4. A frog of the family Ranidae
5. Sable, for one
6. Wet nurse
7. Second generation Japanese
8. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
9. Skullcap
10. Auld __ syne, good old days
11. This (Spanish)
12. Scorch
13. Compass pt.
21. Former province, SE Republic of S. Africa
22. State in N.E. India
26. What we are talking about
28. Swiss river
29. Person from U.K., abbr.
30. A way to make into a print
31. Unfledged or nestling hawk
32. Resort town in New Mexico
33. William ___, "Picnic" playwright
34. Phil __, former CIA
35. Willis __, Knick star
37. Element 105, abbr.
38. Emit coherent radiation
41. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
42. Act as a master of ceremonies
47. Emergence
49. First-born
51. Oil company
52. Ablaze
54. Sour or bitter in taste
55. Indigo bush
56. Icelandic poems
57. Negotiates
58. Selling at specially reduced prices
59. __ Turner, rock singer
60. A gelling agent in foods
61. Requests
62. A young canine

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through downtown, and left onto Punchard Street where it finishes; rain/snow date is Dec.7; Fire Department 978-475-1281.

Book group, graphic novel discussion group will talk about *Preacher Gone to Texas* by Garth Ennis, 2 p.m., Borders at the Loop, 90 Pleasant St., Methuen; 78-689-1999.

A Christmas Carol, 1 and 5 p.m., *see Nov. 28 entry.*

Oklahoma, *2:30 p.m., see Nov. 29 entry.*

Monday, December 1

No scheduled events.

Tuesday, December 2

Floral design, Andover Garden Club is offering an evening of floral design and a raffle, open to the public entitled "Holiday Prelude" $15, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, West Parish Church, purchase tickets from Andover Garden Club members or the Andover Bookstore; Joyce Bakshi at 978-470-0263 joyce.bakshi@verizon.net., www.Andovergardenclub.insightfulart.com.

Book fair, public invited, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Shawsheen School, 18 Magnolia Avenue; 978-475-2620.

Meeting, the Lois Club, pot luck and Yankee Swap, if your name is Lois, join them; don't buy anything for the swap, bring something from home no longer used and in good shape, wrapped up; meet at Old South Church, Reading; Lois Denaro 978-369-9212 or Lois Garneau 781-944-3034.

Live music, Berklee School Jazz Band directed by Greg Hopkins, with the Timberlane High School Jazz Band, $7, 7:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

Wednesday, December 3

Bob Longacre

Discussion, "Bring Feng Shui into your home or office," in-depth discussion by Feng Shui practitioner Bob Longacre, on the thread of ch'i (or life force) that interpenetrates, animates and weaves everything in the universe into one living tapestry, free, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.

Thursday, December 4

Auditions, Merrimack Junior Theatre is holding auditions for *The Wizard of Oz,* 6 to 9 p.m. for students in grades 7 through 10, those auditioning will be asked to sing a few bars from *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*, act out a short monologue and bring a non-returnable self-photo, Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street; 978-807-1270.

Seminar, Edward Jones representative hosts "Investing by the Book," free, 6 p.m., Marland Place, 15 Stevens St.; 978-475-4213.

Theater, The American premiere of *The Bells of Amersfoort*, $3, 7 p.m., Steinbach Theatre, George Washington Hall, off Chapel Avenue, Phillips Academy campus. Seating is limited and reservation are necessary; box office 978-749-4433.

Talk, Parent to Parent presents, *Give Me Harvard or Give Me Death* from preschool to college, what are we doing to our children? Speaker, Michael Thompson, free, 7:30 -9 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium.

Blood drive, the Andover Community and the American Red Cross are teaming up to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed, donor hours are 2-7 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; for appointments call Walter Morris 978-470-2244, walk-ins are welcome.

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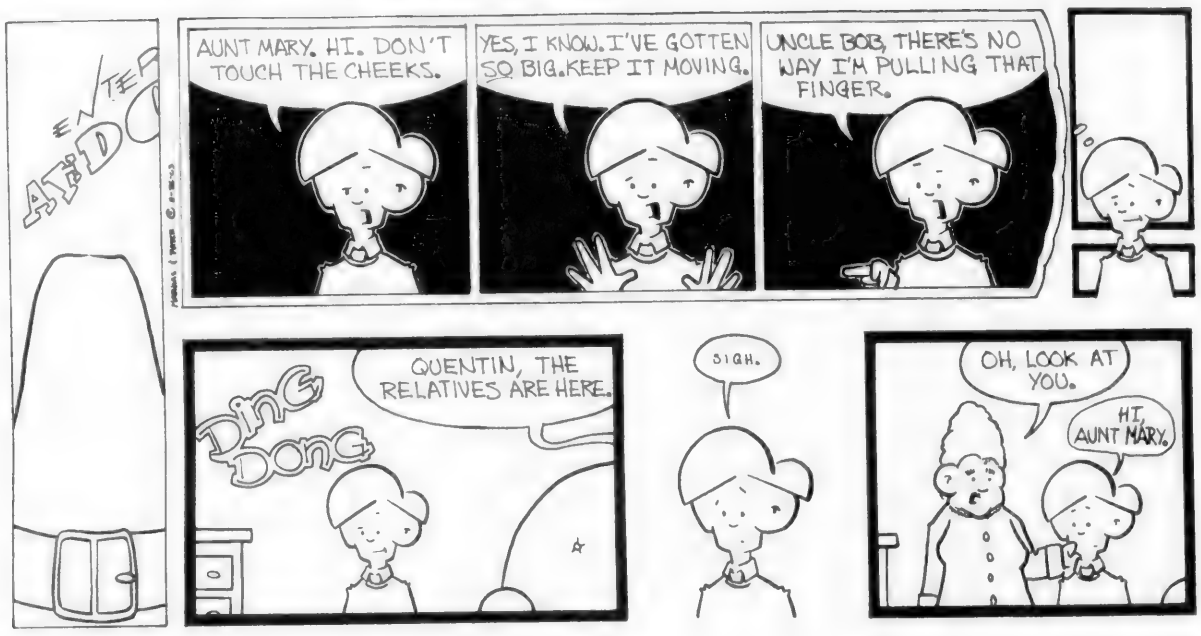
ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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Meeting, United Fly Tyers hosts tying instructions (hooks and most materials supplied, bring vise and tools) 6:30 p.m., and speakers 8 p.m., members $5, non-members $10, Sons of Italy Hall, 168 Lexington St. Woburn; Arthur C. Williams, acwilliams@bigplanet.com.

Friday, December 5

Tot Shabbat, abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool, and young school aged children, lead by Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Cantor Donn Rosensweig, 5:45 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-470-1356.

Live music, the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy presents a concert of violin and piano, free 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4995, music@andover.edu.

Art show, Andovers' Artists Guild annual Art Show and Sale, admission free, 1-8 p.m. original art, cards, crafts, refreshments and evening music, silent auction of original works of art, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Phila Slade 978-683-9282.

Live comedy, Brad Mastrangelo, Adam Perlman, MYQ Kaplan, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Storytelling, storytellers share their holiday tales, featuring Lani Peterson, Magdalen Cantwell, Peggy Melanson and others, ages 6 and up 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Vintage Christmas Fair, baked goods, jewelry and more, admission free, 6-9 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; 978-686-5712.

Performance, a holiday show, $8, $4 children, 7 p.m., *The Night the Animals Talked,* performed in the barn at Nevis Farm, 400 Broadway, Rte. 28, Methuen, proceeds benefit the MSPCA, advanced tickets required; 978-687-7453 Ext. 115.

Open house, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, decorated Christmas tree, Methuens Young People's Theater will sing carols, free, 7-9 p.m., 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-688-0238.

Live music, Rachel Davis, 8 p.m., $10-$12, Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Holiday art show and sale, paintings, sculpture, pottery and more, 4-9 p.m., Artisans in the Open, 310 High St., Newburyport; 978-462-0713.

Art opening, Octo-Mechanicus, free, 6-8 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-1063, www.evosarts.com.

***The Bells of Amersfoort*, see Dec. 4 entry.**

Saturday, December 6

Tour, Andover Garden Club presents "Home for the Holidays II" house tours celebrating the diversity in the Andover community, $15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., $25 if going to this and the Dec. 2 event; tickets may be purchased from Andover Garden Club members or at the Andover Bookstore; Joyce Bakshi 978-470-0263, joyce.bakshi@verizon.net, www.Andovergardenclub.insightfulart.com.

Christmas Treasures Fair, St. Augustine will hold their annual Christmas fair, gift baskets, photos with Santa and much more, 9 a.m 2 p.m., St Augustine School, 26 Central St.; 978-475-2414.

Kwanzaa celebration, presented by the Phillips Academy Music Department and the Community Affairs and Multicultural Development Office, featured local artist and guest this year will be Leslie Babbitt of Babbitt Designs & Healing Arts, free, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

Book signing, author Laura Seeley will sign her new children's book *Shadowbox Hunt, a Seek and Find Adventure,* 1 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143

Red Bow Fair, featuring crafters and artisans from all over New England and more, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-7948, www.northparish.org.

Dance, Indian classical dance performed by students of Preetha Arun, free, 3-4 p.m., Annie Sargent School, 300 Abbott St., North Andover; 978-691-1187.

Open rehearsal, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra Family Holiday Concert rehearsal, $5 at the door, 10-11:30 a.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-372-8237, www.mvpmusic.org.

Live music, New England Classical Singers holiday concert features Handel's *Messiah,* 8 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover, call for prices; 978-475-6159, wolcott5@comcast.net.

Cookiefest, 9 a.m. till sold out, Christian Fellowship Church, Emmert-Dewhirst Chapel, 93 East Haverhill St., Lawrence; 978-688-6645.

Live music, Brass Ensembel Fine Arts Brass Quintet and Christmas music by guest organist and an appearance by Santa, $ 2.50-$10, limited amount of tickets at the door, Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway, Methuen; 978-352-8752.

Live comedy, Brad Mastrangelo, Adam Perlman, MYQ Kaplan, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

St. Nicholas arrives in full costume to celebrate his feast day in a family worship service to begin the advent season: well-known Andover storytellers Lani Peterson and Susan Lenoe bring the beloved saint to life with a program of stories entitled "The Gifts of St. Nicholas"; service will also feature the rich folk music of the season with

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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singer-songwriter Ed Parker; part of the series of informal, contemporary worship services called South Winds; free, 5 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St.; 978-475-0321

Pet photos, have a holiday photo of the family pet taken with or without a human, $8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., MSPCA at Nevis Farm, 400 Broadway, Rte. 28, Methuen; 978-687 7453 Ext. 115, proceeds benefit MSPCA

Live music, two shows, Scott Alarik/Seamus Connelly, 7 p.m., $10-$12, Toni Lynn Washington, $10-$12, 10 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755

Gallery reception, Holiday Group Show featuring new works by gallery artists, 3-6 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891

Live music, Northern Essex Community College's Winter Concert $3, 7:30 p.m. selections will be performed by student members of the NECC Performance Ensemble under the direction of Mike Finegold, and student members of the NECC Chorus, under the direction of Sabrina Quintana, Library Conference Center, Haverhill campus; 978-556-3862.

The Bells of Amersfoort, *see Dec. 4 entry.*

Holiday art show and sale, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., *see Dec. 5 entry.*

Vintage Christmas Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., *see Dec. 5 entry.*

The Night the Animals Talked, 4 p.m., *see Dec. 5 entry.*

Art Show, 10 a.m -3 p.m., *see Dec. 5 entry.*

Northern Essex Community College's Winter Concert is slated for Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Library Conference Center on the Haverhill campus. From left are Sabrina Quintana of Boston, choral director; Jesse Melo of Peabody, guitar; and Mike Finegold of Andover, performing ensemble director.

Sunday, December 7

Live music, featuring Merrimack Music Ministry and the Bell Choir of St. Augustine's, free will offering, 4 p.m., Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5450.

Workshop, "How to Communicate with Your Teenager," by Adrian Dawson, MD, for parents and teens (12+), free, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Live music, the Ivy Chord Coffee House presents singer/songwriter David Roth, $12 general admission, $10 for seniors and students, 2 p.m., The Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street Reading;781-229-9394, www.uureading.org.

Theater, Discovery Series presents *The Gizmo Guys*, $10, 2 and 4 p.m., Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., UMass Lowell South Campus; 978-934-4444.

MJT is heading to Oz next week

The Merrimack Junior Theatre is holding auditions for *The Wizard of Oz* on Dec. 4 and 5 at Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School on Bartlet Street from 6 to 9 p.m. for students in grades 7 through 10.

Those auditioning will be asked to sing a few bars from *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*, act out a short monologue, and bring a non-returnable photo. Performance dates are March 19-21.

The Wizard of Oz is based on L. Frank Baum's story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

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WHAT'S UP

Pouring on its Gravy Getdown, AYS branching into evergreens

By Suzie Clark
Andover Youth Services program coordinator

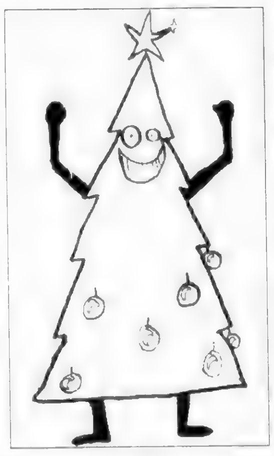
ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES is keeping it lively this month as we prepare for the annual Thanksgiving concert and gear up for a new tradition, a holiday decoration sale at the Andover Community Skate Park.

This year's concert, known as the "Gravy Getdown," is scheduled to take place at Old Town Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

[*EDITOR'S NOTE: This holiday issue of the Townsman has a street date and a mailing date of Nov. 25.*]

The Gravy Getdown will feature AHS bands Grimis, Clay and Simple Sam, and features the return of 1994 AHS grad Will Dailey and his band Mappari.

Doors at Old Town Hall open at 7:30 and the show begins at 7:45. Cost is $6.



◀ Bruce the Spruce, mascot for the holiday decoration sale, was created by Andover Youth Council member Mark Brickman.

Holiday decoration sale

The Andover Youth Foundation and AYS are hosting the holiday decoration sale, which will run from Nov. 26 through Dec. 21 at the Andover Community Skate Park.

Plenty of holiday items will be available, including: Christmas Trees from 4 to 12 feet (larger sizes are also available), wreaths from 10 to 48 inches in diameter, garland, kissing balls, ornaments and other holiday necessities.

The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go toward building the youth center and keeping Youth Services programs going.

Come on down to this community event for hot chocolate, cider, carols, and to meet our mascot, Bruce the Spruce.

▶ *WHAT'S UP is written by kids for kids. The feature also highlights activities available for younger Andover residents. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsman.com.*

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Sports

AHS FOOTBALL

Warriors stay competitive to end

Until 2 weeks ago, Andover High's football program contended for top MVC honors

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High varsity football team will put the finishing touches on an interesting 2003 season when it faces Central Catholic on Thursday morning in the traditional Thanksgiving Day game at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. Kickoff is at 10 a.m.

The Golden Warriors, who hope to salvage a winning season after being in the Merrimack Valley Conference title chase most of the way, will be out to snap a three-game losing streak.

Head coach Ken Maglio's competitive crew is 5-5 overall and 4-3 in conference play.

AHS is facing a difficult task, with Central riding a three-game win streak and standing 8-2 overall and 5-2 in the MVC.

The locals' record is somewhat deceptive, with two of the losses by one point (Lowell, 7-6) and three points (undefeated Exeter, N.H., 10-7).

Andover was also locked in a 7-7 tie with MVC title contender Billerica in the fourth quarter of its most recent game, while a 30-19 non-league loss to Wilmington the second week of the season could have gone either way.

The only game Andover was out of all season was Chelmsford, as the powerful Lions (9-1, 7-0 MVC) rolled to a 42-12 victory.

That game was three weeks ago, and at that time AHS had only one conference loss and would have tied for the league lead with a win.

Geoff Stevens

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The Golden Warriors' balanced scoring is led by sophomore Buddy Farnham and junior first-year starting quarterback Geoff Stevens with 42 points each.

Matt Hennessy and Shaheen Ghandchi have 30 points apiece, placekicker Joel Keefe 23 (on extra points) and first-time fullback Ben Newman 18.

Dennis Collins, Ryan Donahue, Mike Muccio and Chris Vining have six points each.

Matt Hennessy

Hennessy and Ghandchi, who suffered an injury in the Chelmsford game, have combined for more than 1,500 yards rushing with Hennessy topping 100 yards in a game three times.

Farnham stepped in at running back last week against Billerica and looked right at home, piling up 106 yards on 12 carries.

Stevens, having completed more than 50 percent of his passes this fall, has pitched six TD tosses with three to Farnham and one each to Collins, Donahue and Vining.

The offense has sputtered during the recent three-game skid, with Andover held to four touchdowns and 26 total points during that time.

Defensive standouts for the Golden Warriors this season include junior linebacker Mike Muccio, senior end Jason Shoemaker, junior strong safety John Fox, senior end Matt Wolfman, senior lineman Phil Perkins junior linebacker Nathan Wiech and free safety Farnham.

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Central Catholic, even without top running back Joe Fendone (48 points, 744 yards rushing), ran roughshod over Dracut 31-14 in its last outing.

CCHS is separated from an undefeated season by a 14-0 loss to Chelmsford and 14-7 setback to Lowell.

Other top scorers for the balanced Raiders are wide receiver Jeff Cargill with 32 points, junior QB Jeff St. Onge 30, Dan Rokas 28, placekicker Scott Landers 27 (21 PATs, two field goals), Anthony Giuffrida 14, Mike O'Donnell 12 and Matt O'Connell 12.

St. Onge has pitched six TD passes with Cargill grabbing four and O'Donnell two.

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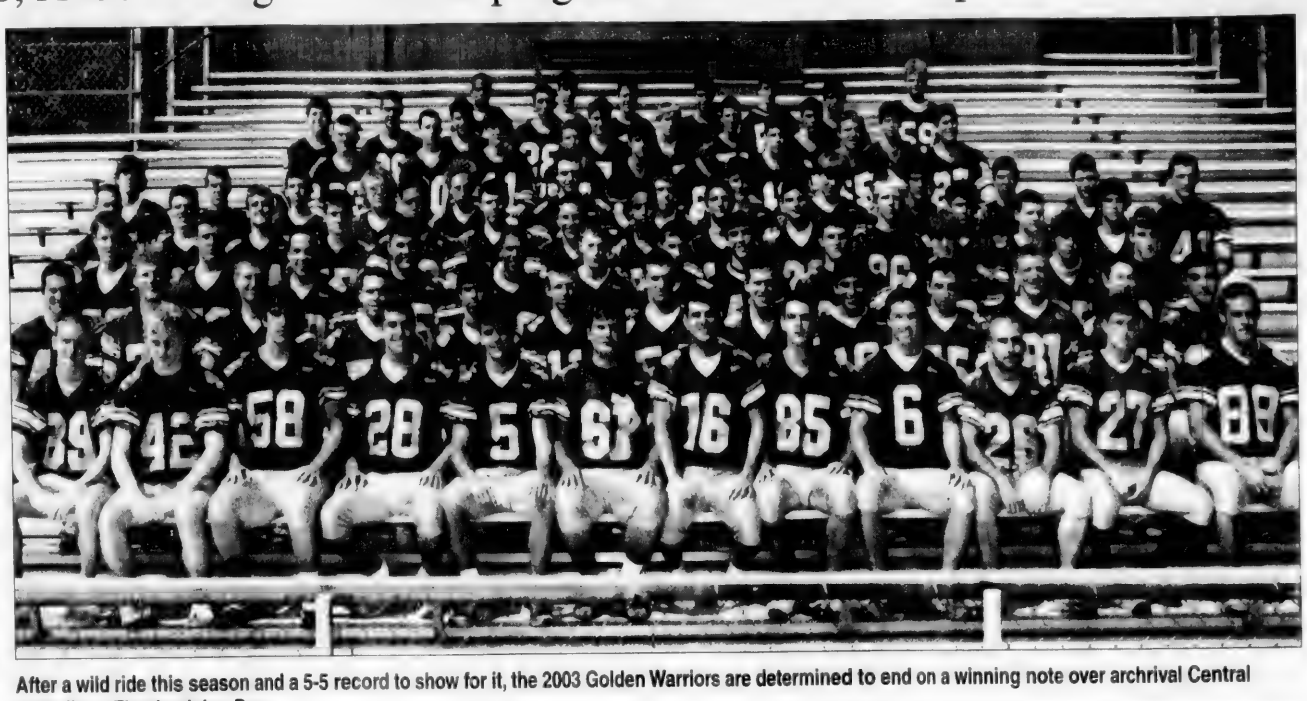
Central rolled to a 42-7 win last Thanksgiving and Andover prevailed 24-12 in 2001.

The Raiders have beaten AHS five of the last six years, 10 of the past 12 and hold a commanding 16-6 series edge since 1980 (the 1985 game was cancelled by a snowstorm).



After a wild ride this season and a 5-5 record to show for it, the 2003 Golden Warriors are determined to end on a winning note over archrival Central Catholic on Thanksgiving Day.

SERIES SCORES (Since 1980)

1980— Andover 12, Central Catholic 7
1981 — Central Catholic 12, Andover 7
1982 — Central Catholic 12, Andover 7
1983 — Andover 16, Central Catholic 15
1984 — Central Catholic 13, Andover 6
1985 — Game cancelled by snowstorm
1986 — Andover 14, Central Catholic 6
1987 — Central Catholic 7, Andover 0
1988 — Central Catholic 27, Andover 14
1989 — Central Catholic 16, Andover 14
1990 — Andover 14, Central Catholic 0
1991 — Central Catholic 17, Andover 16
1992 — Central Catholic 35, Andover 28
1993 — Central Catholic 28, Andover 6
1994 — Central Catholic 28, Andover 14
1995 — Central Catholic 14, Andover 8
1996 — Andover 9, Central Catholic 0
1997 — Central Catholic 42, Andover 8
1998 — Central Catholic 36, Andover 18
1999 — Central Catholic 30, Andover 6
2000 — Central Catholic 28, Andover 8
2001 — Andover 24, Central Catholic 12
2002 — Central Catholic 42, Andover 7

MVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	OVL	PF	PA
c-Chelmsford	7	0	9-1	280	96
Billerica	6	1	6-4	191	117
Central Catholic	5	2	8-2	216	105
Lowell	5	2	7-2	179	89
ANDOVER	4	3	5-5	209	156
x-Tewksbury	3	5	3-6	118	186
Haverhill	2	5	3-6	108	203
Dracut	0	7	3-7	166	211
Methuen	0	7	2-7	110	220

c=clinched title tie
x=completed MVC schedule

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ANDOVER at Central Catholic (Veterans Memorial Stadium)
Chelmsford at Billerica (Marshall Middle School)
Methuen at Dracut (Beaudry Field)
Lowell at Haverhill (Haverhill Stadium)
Wilmington at Tewksbury, non-league (Doucette Stadium)

STARTING LINEUPS

ANDOVER

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Hgt.	Wgt.
C	Matt Quinlan	Jr.	5-11	211
RG	Kyle MacKenzie	Jr.	5-10	217
RT	Mike Cerchione	Jr.	6-4	237
LG	Matt Wolfman	Sr.	6-2	243
LT	Phil Perkins	Sr.	6-3	268
TE	Chris Vining	Sr.	6-1	212
WR	Buddy Farnham	So.	6-0	170
WR	Dennis Collins	Sr.	6-0	194
QB	Geoff Stevens	Jr.	6-0	197
HB	Matt Hennessy	Jr.	5-8	195
FB	Ben Newman	Sr.	5-11	185
PLK	Joel Keefe	Sr.	6-2	215

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Hgt.	Wgt.
NG	Brent Coffey	Sr.	6-0	203
E	Jason Shoemaker	Sr.	6-1	205
T	Phil Perkins	Sr.	6-3	268
T	Matt Wolfman	Sr.	6-2	243
E	Larry Masse	Sr.	6-1	183
LB	Mike Muccio	Jr.	5-7	198
LB	Nathan Wiech	Jr.	5-11	224
CB	Matt Hennessy	Jr.	5-8	195
CB	Brent Hyde	Sr.	5-9	162
SS	John Fox	Sr.	5-9	159
FS	Buddy Farnham	So.	6-0	170
P	Mike Lattari	Jr.	5-9	170

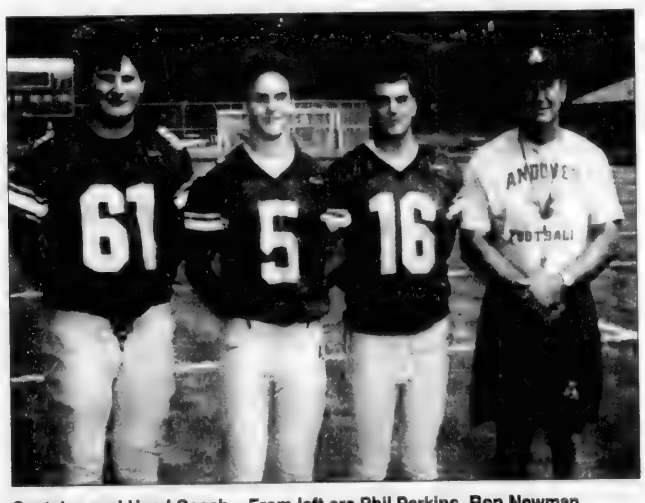
CENTRAL CATHOLIC

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Hgt.	Wgt.
C	Kamal Haddad	Sr.	6-0	200
RG	Garrett Mason	Sr.	5-10	215
RT	Jay Stahl	Sr.	6-3	235
LG	Tom Leduc	Sr.	6-0	190
LT	Andy Murphy	Sr.	6-4	265
TE	Jeff Cargill	Sr.	6-0	205
SE	Scott Hayward	Sr.	5-11	180
SE	Mike O'Donnell	Sr.	5-9	170
QB	Jeff St. Onge	Jr.	5-11	175
FB	Joe Fendone	Sr.	6-0	210
HB	Dan Rokas	Sr.	5-10	175
PLK	Scott Landers	Sr.	5-9	160

DEFENSE

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Hgt.	Wgt.
NG	Tony Pallaria	Sr.	5-9	165
T	Jay Stahl	Sr.	6-3	236
T	Joe Morako	Sr.	5-11	205
ILB	Jay Fielding	Jr.	5-11	185
ILB	Dan Lozeau	Jr.	5-9	180
OLB	Jeff Cargill	Sr.	6-0	205
OLB	Joe Gaudreau	Sr.	6-0	210
CB	Scott Hayward	Sr.	5-11	180
CB	Jason Vega	So.	5-9	160
SS	Bob Murray	So.	5-7	150
FS	Mike Loomis	So.	5-10	170
P	Mike O'Donnell	Sr.	5-9	170



Captains and Head Coach – From left are Phil Perkins, Ben Newman, Dennis Collins and head coach Ken Maglio.

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SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

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Kaylan Tildsley of Andover, a 2003 graduate of Brooks School in North Andover, was named a first-team United States Girls High School Academic All-American by US Lacrosse, the national governing body in the sport.

Kaylan Tildsley

A two-year first-team All-Independent School League player at Brooks, Tildsley was selected for the Lower New England All-Star Team her junior year.

Each Academic All-American is a junior or senior in high school, must have been a starter or significant contributor on her/his team, and must carry a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average.

Tildsley, who graduated magna cum laude from Brooks last spring, is now a freshman at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

The Brooks student council president as a senior, Tildsley was awarded the Faculty Prize for contributions to the life of the school and the Athletic Prize for sportsmanship, ability and achievement. Both awards were presented at graduation ceremonies.

She will play basketball and lacrosse at Williams this school year.

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Steve Seero of Andover is a member of the men's fall lacrosse team at Assumption College in Worcester.

Seero, a freshman attack,was recently singled out for strong play by Greyhounds' coach Chris Widelo after he scored two goals in an 11-6 win over LaSell College at the LaSell Tournament in Newton.

Steve, whose father Ed was a top-notch football player (lineman) at Andover High, was an ice hockey and lacrosse standout for the Golden Warriors from 2001 to 2003.

A captain of both sports his senior year, Steve also earned All-Conference recognition in both last winter and spring.

After starting his collegiate career in Gilford, North Carolina, Steve joined older brother Eddie who plays hockey at Assumption.

Lisa Tisbert of Andover continued her assault on the Bentley College women's soccer record book this fall, as she broke the school's career scoring record by assisting on the Falcons' only goal in a 2-1 loss to Southern Connecticut State University.

That assist was her 85th point and pushed her past former recordholder Jackie McCarthy (84).

Tisbert also notched four goals (school-record 33 for her career) in three earlier games, a 6-0 thumping of American International College, a 3-2 overtime win against Pace University and a 2-1 squeeze past St. Anselm.

Those performances earned Tisbert Player of the Week honors in the Northeast-10 Conference.

She has 27 points this fall (10 goals, 7 assists), and is well within reach of her own single-season records of 12 goals and 30 points set her freshman year.

Best of all, the junior has another whole year to add to her totals.

In the AIC game, freshman **Samantha Hughes** of Andover scored her first collegiate goal.

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Katie Kramer, a former Andover High girls' soccer scoring machine, has put together an excellent year for the University of Michigan Wolverines.

Recently, sophomore Kramer netted her team-leading sixth goal as Michigan edged Oakland University, 1-0, in the first round of the NCAA Division 1 Tournament at Notre Dame's Alumni Field in South Bend, Ind.

The goal, which came midway through the second half, propelled Michigan to its sixth consecutive second-round appearance in the nationals.

It was also Kramer's fourth game-winning goal of 2003, moving her into a tie for the team lead in total points (13), and her fifth goal in an eight-game span.

Earlier this fall Kramer scored both goals in a 2-1 win over Ohio State in the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals. She had a goal against Notre Dame, set up a goal versus Kansas, netted the game-winning goal against Central Michigan and had the lone goal in a 1-0 win over the University of Wiconsin.

Katie Kramer

AHS boys soccer program sees more talent on the way

By Bruce Baker

The future would seem to be bright for the Andover High boys soccer program.

As the varsity recently completed its highly-successful 13-6-1 season, the depth of both the junior varsity and freshman teams can only make head coach Mike Wartman excited about next year.

The AHS junior varsity had 15 wins this season with many by lopsided scores.

Every player on Coach Jim Saalfrank's team scored at least one goal including the keepers. The only blemishes were a loss to St. John's Prep, 3-2, a tie with Dracut, 1-1, and a 2-0 loss at Dracut. The Dracut loss was hard to accept as it was the last game of a year that was a success in every other way.

The team has very good depth and is made up of a versatile group of players.

Forwards Joey Savoca, Dave Checrallah and Matt Malloy made the most of their scoring opportunities.

The midfielders, including Eric Draper, Ryan Greeley, Mike Baldwin and Nate Baker, controlled the middle third. The middies contested every ball brought up the field and countered with accurate passes, sending their forwards to the goal.

Although opponents did score some goals, their lack of success was due to strong defenders like Andrew Boudreau, Luke Bryden, Brad Durkin and Tyler Hyslep who worked well together to frustrate any attempt to take a shot at keepers Chris Cole or Chris Palmieri.

The varsity coaches will have some difficult but pleasant decisions next year to replace the 13 seniors who will graduate.

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Peter Arthur's freshmen had their share of one-sided games as well. They only suffered 2 losses with 10 victories and 1 tie. The two one-goal losses were to North Andover.

Overall, the team's play improved over the course of the season. The second-half schedule had Andover handling teams with much greater ease. The first Phillips Academy game was a 2-2 tie while the second meeting was a 3-0 victory.

The keepers recorded five shutouts with four coming in the last seven games.

The team played four keepers at various times with Pat McGovern starting. He was supported by strong team defense led by Mike Murray, Kevin Finn, Taylor Beaucaire, Tom Doucette, Alex Ortstein and Andrew Wheelwright.

The continually-improving passing attack through the midfield included Mike Reed, Kevin Twomey, Justin Papez and Colin Hopkins.

Forwards who led the scoring were Craig Massey, Jared Kuipers, Ian Dempsey, Rohit Sangal and Norbert Guery.

The team chemistry was very good with respect and friendship demonstrated throughout the season.

Coach Arthur is pleased with the steady improvement and is looking forward to seeing who contributes to keeping the junior varsity strong again next year.

Junior varsity players are waiting in the wings

By Jaclyn Todisco
WHAT'S UP intern

Part one of two parts

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT for fall athletics at Andover High School as its junior varsity teams posted successful seasons.

The junior varsity (or JV) level is a preparatory level, allowing athletes playing time to perfect their skills before moving up to the varsity squads. "The JV teams are an integral part of our entire athletic program as they give the opportunity to provide a student to be actively engaged in athletic competition at the high school. JV teams help to provide an opportunity for players to continue to develop their skills to compete at the varsity level," said Brian McNally, athletic director at Andover High School.

Not only did the Andover teams have winning records, they also build a strong sense of teamwork and friendship, according to JV athletes.

JV boys soccer
Coach: Jim Saalfrank
Record: 14-2-1

The JV boys soccer team started the season strong with a nine-game winning streak, dominating opponents and having fun as it averaged eight goals per game. Despite its impressive 14-2-1 final record, however, the team's players consider one of their two losses to be the "best game of the season" because of the tenacity they brought to the field.

The team had so much success out of the gate that it might have lost some intensity as it continued to face weaker competition, according to sophomore Pierre Hayes. "I think the team was overconfident during the middle of the season due to our early success at the beginning of the season," he said.

"After we reached eight goals in a game we tried to work on our passing game to be sportsmanlike," said sophomore sweeper Steven Twomey.

"We had the most intensity in the beginning of the season, then lost the intensity because we were winning so much," said sophomore Tyler Carroll.

The well-deserved confidence of a nine-game winning streak to start the season finally caught up to the team and resulted in a 1-1 tie against Dracut. The game was a turning point in the season. "We didn't play well against Dracut, but it inspired us to play better the rest of the season," said Twomey.

The team carried momentum into its face-off with St. John's, their best competition, according to sophomore forward Joey Savoca. Although the Andover squad lost to St. John's 3-2, Twomey said, "it was our best game of the season because we played with intensity, came together as a team and made good passes." Overall, the season was a success as star forwards Joey Savoca and Dave Checerrella and freshman center midfielder Nathan Baker led the offense in scoring 85 goals for Andover. Stand-out sweeper Steve Twomey and junior goalie Chris Cole led the defense allowing opponents to score only nine goals in 17 games.

JV girls soccer
Coach: Tim Smith
Record: 14-3-1

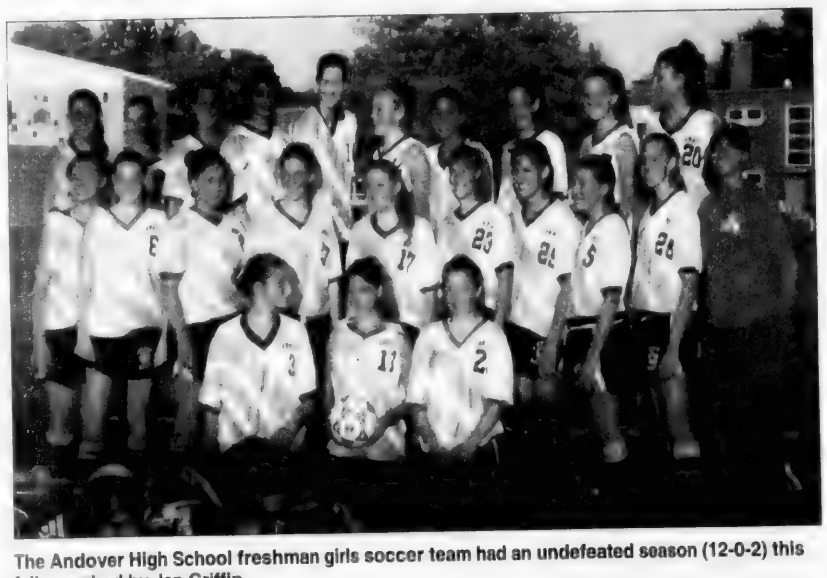
Members of the JV girls soccer team said they not only built a successful team, put some powerful friendships.

"Both on and off the field our team supported each other and had fun," said sophomore sweeper Allison Carver.

At practices and games the team was always focused on soccer, but it had a continuously fun spirit, according to sophomore midfielder Ally Brown.

Overall, the girls had a positive season, as they came out on top of almost every game, losing only to Bishop Fenwick and Notre Dame of Hingham twice. "I felt that the season was an overall success. We had some low points of the season, however they were overshadowed by wins," commented junior forward Cara Sullo.

In the last game of the season against Notre Dame of Hingham, the team came together and left everything on the field. Although the end result favored Notre Dame over Andover 3-2, the local girls gave it their all. "The team worked very hard this season. The last game versus Notre Dame was a true test of character. We all stepped up and fought hard until the end," said sophomore stopper Jessica Principe.



The Andover High School freshman girls soccer team had an undefeated season (12-0-2) this fall, coached by Jen Griffin.

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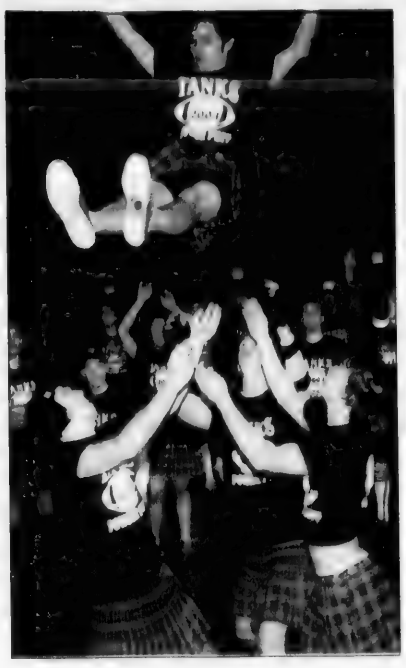

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The Tanks (above) celebrate after scoring a touchdown. The Tanks' male cheerleaders (at left) show their stuff, as they catch one of their own, trying to fire up their team, which eventually proved victorious. At right, the Balla Status cheerleaders form a human pyramid, trying to ignite their team, which wore red designer T-shirts during the game.

Spirited Powder Puff game: Tanks prevail over competitive Ballas, 13-12

By Kyra Auffermann
WHAT'S UP intern

THE SCORE OF LAST FRIDAY'S competitive Andover High Powder Puff game was 13-12 Tanks, with a 15-yard penalty in the final quarter allowing the losing Ballas to hold onto their belief that they were robbed.

The night game, a senior class tradition for the last 13 years, took place under the lights at the Lovely Field from 7 to 9.

"It was very intense," commented Rosie Connelly, a member of the Tanks.

Lauren Viera, also a Tank, said the victory "was good, kind of a payback for (the Ballas) charging in on our dance."

Connelly was referring to the halftime event when the red Ballas team swarmed the black-shirted Tank team while it performed a choreographed dance on the field.

Both teams were spirited, dressing up for the Friday school day as gangsters or in military-inspired clothes.

The Ballas even left a message with cups in the school's tennis-court fence last Thursday night, an AHS tradition. Pro-Ballas messages did not last throughout the day, as other students rearranged the cups.

[*See related story, page 6.*]

"I had a lot of fun," says Carolyn Cody, a member of the Ballas, who expressed some disappointment at not being allowed to tackle anyone, because the game was technically two-hand touch.

Despite such precautions, there were instances of overt physical aggression on the field. The referees usually asked players to leave the game after witnessing an unnecessary degree of violence. Overall, however, the event was a success.

"I thought it went well," said Liz Pallotta, the Ballas captain. "I was pleased with the way our class came together. Everyone seemed to meet a lot of new kids."

The energetic cheerleading squads, composed of skirt-wearing senior boys, entertained spectators with choreographed cheers and dance routines.

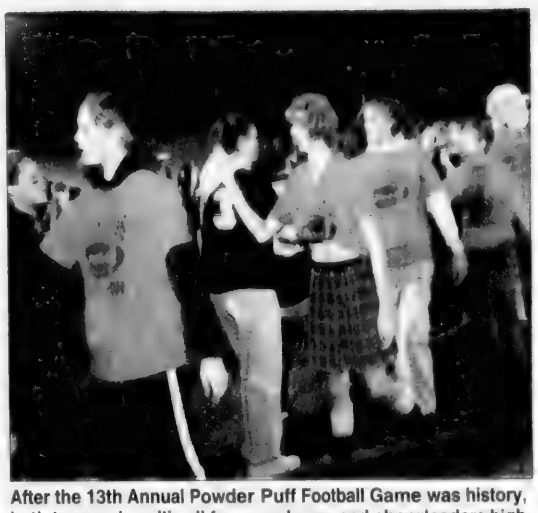
A few guys were tossed into the air. "It was good (for) class spirit," enthused cheerleader Sean Geary, who sported an attractive blonde wig as part of his ensemble. "It was the most fun I've had in my high school career."

David Gangi, a teacher at AHS, helped to announce the game. "I've done Powder Puff 12 out of the 13 years," he said, adding that "it's a great fundraiser of the senior class that helps Lazarus House. And it's fun."

If you missed the event this year, it will come again next November. The energetic game (and the cheerleaders wearing makeup and "strategically placed" balloons) is more than worth the $3 admission fee.

Kyra Auffermann was a member of the Ballas team.

The Tank team, their faces dirty with mud, smile as they rush the quarterback of the Balla Status team.



After the 13th Annual Powder Puff Football Game was history, both teams show it's all fun, as players and cheerleaders high-five and congratulate each other.

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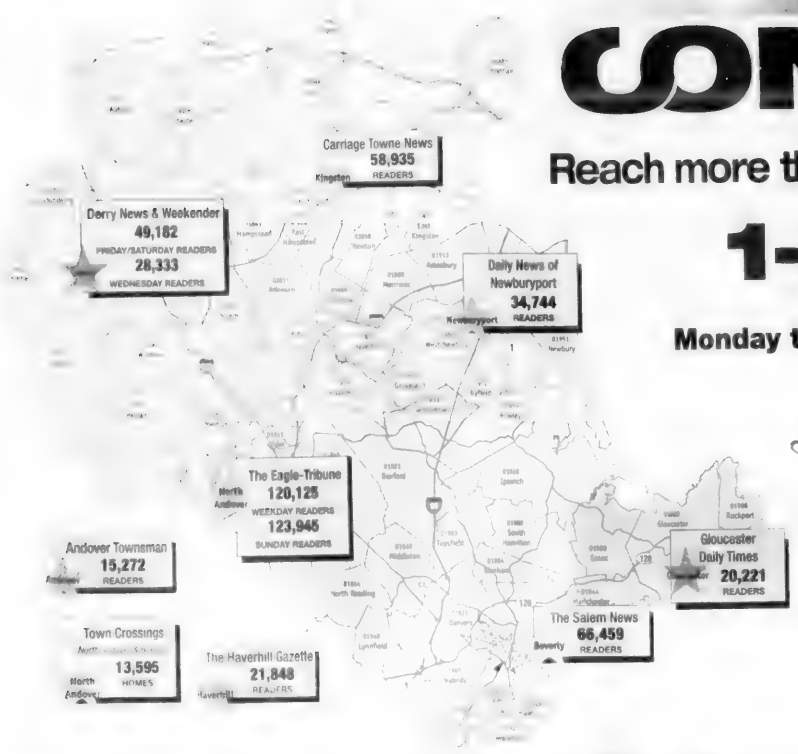

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Andover Historical Society
97 Main Street
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November 27, 2003

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Kevin & Susan Peck, 62 Walnut Ave., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 to construct a portico that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 62 Walnut Ave., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 20 as Lot 87.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
November 20 & 27, 2003

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Kenneth Construction, Inc. 236 Pleasant St., Methuen MA for a modification of Decision No. 3350.

Premises affected are located at 241 Lowell St., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 110 as Lot 3.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Sally E. Fabian, 143 Chestnut St., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct an addition that will not meet dimensional requirements & for the continued existence of a pre-existing pool, deck & garage.

Premises affected are located at 143 Chestnut St., Andover MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 22 as Lot 91.

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Premises affected are located at 437 North Main St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 34 as Lot 5.

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of John & Julie Brussard, 93 Tewksbury St., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, § 4.1.2 and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, § 3.3.5 to construct a second story addition that will not meet dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 93 Tewksbury St., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 181 as Lot 1.

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Premises affected are located at 125 Dascomb Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 179 as Lot 7.

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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, December 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Andover Donuts, Inc., 853 Turnpike St., N. Andover, MA for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, § 5.2.10, 5.2.10.2, 5.10.3 to erect a second sign.

Premises affected are located at 93 Main St., Andover, MA in an GB District as shown on Assessor's Map 55 as Lot 125.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF A DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

A Design Public Hearing will be held by the Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway) to discuss the proposed replacement of the High Plain Road Bridge over Interstate-93, Bridge #A-09-027, in Andover, MA.

WHERE: Andover Town Offices
3rd Floor Conference Room
36 Bartlett Street,
Andover, MA 01810

WHEN: Wednesday December 10, 2003 @ 7:00 P.M.

PURPOSE: The design public hearing is held to provide the public with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed bridge replacement project. All views and comments made at this hearing will be documented, reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project is for the replacement of the existing High Plain Road Bridge over Interstate-93 in its present location. The proposed stage construction will allow High Plain Road and Interstate 93 to remain open during construction.

A secure Right of Way is necessary for this project. Acquisition in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. MassHighway is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassHighway's policy concerning land acquisitions will be discussed at the hearing.

Written views received by MassHighway subsequent to the date of this notice and up to five (5) days prior to the date of hearing shall be displayed for public inspection and copying at the time and date listed above.

Written statements and exhibits in place of, or in addition to, oral statements made at the Public Hearing regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Mr. Thomas F. Broderick, P.E., Chief engineer, Massachusetts Highway Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Such submissions will also be accepted at the hearing. the final date of receipt of these statements and exhibits will be ten (10) days after this Public Hearing.

Plans will be on display one-half hour before the hearing, with an engineer in attendance to answer questions regarding this project.

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Project File #603405

November 26,
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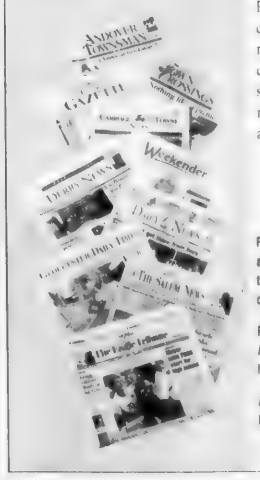

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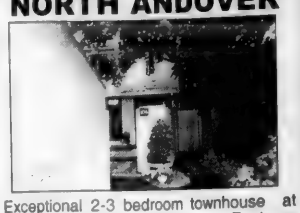

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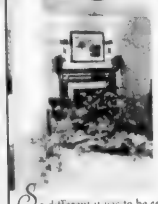

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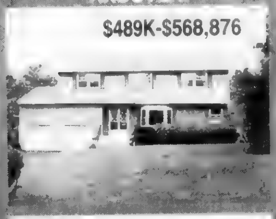

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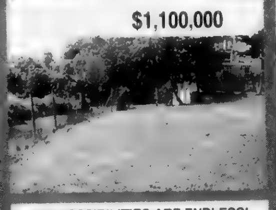

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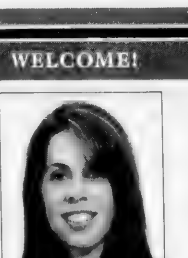

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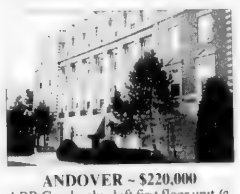

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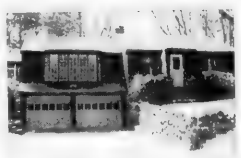

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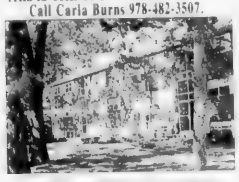

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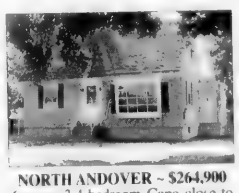

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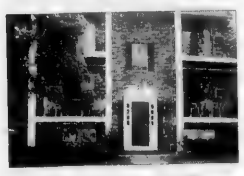

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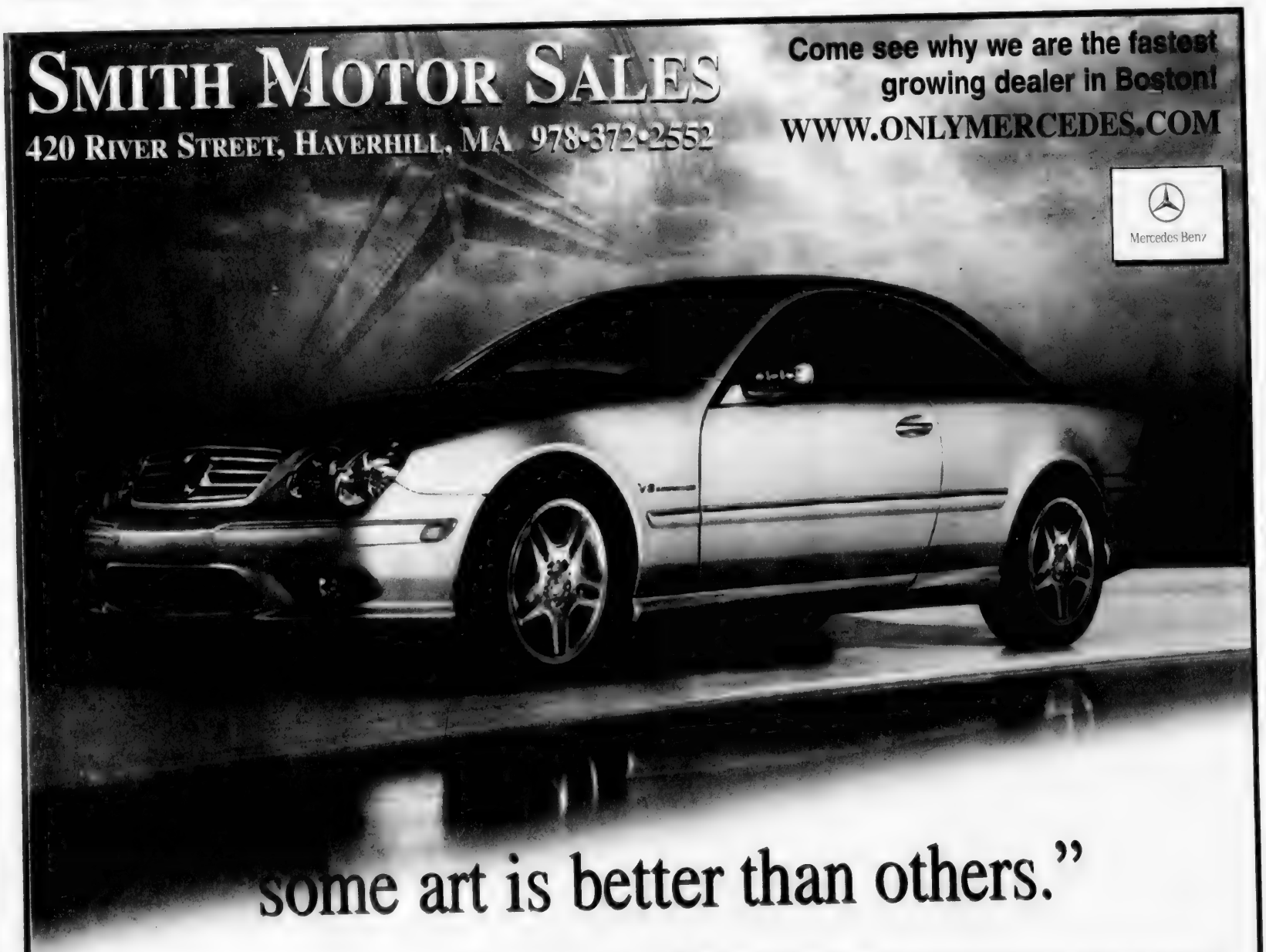

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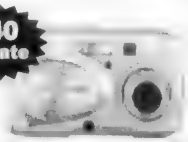

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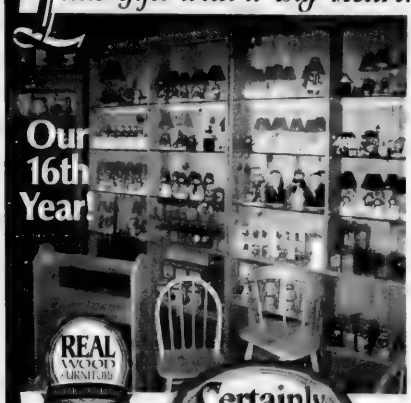

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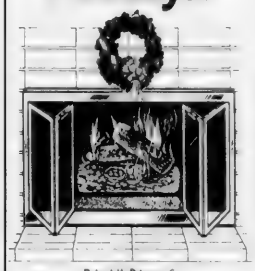

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Dance Prism's *The Nutcracker*

From left to right: Leah Cairns, Sarah Drinon, Blair Beasley and Michaela Voorhees.

Four young dancers from Andover will be appearing as part of the touring cast of Dance Prism's *The Nutcracker.* Leah Cairns will dance as a Horn Angel, she dances with Andover School of Ballet. Sarah Drinon will also dance as a Horn Angel. She studies ballet at the Andover School of Ballet and is in the seventh grade. Blair Beasley another seventh grade student, studies dance at Interstate Gymnastics and Dance. Michaela Voorhees will dance the part of a Soldier, she studies ballet at the Andover School of Ballet and is in the sixth grade.

A large number of ballet students are joining the cast of *The Nutcracker* for the Andover performances only. They are: Hannah Bowler, MacKenzie Dalton, Laura Davis, Marisa Dellatto, Rachel Donovan, Emily Field, Elise Gorzela, Philine Huizing, Julia Kasparian, Samantha Rooks, Rachel Rosenbaum, Samantha Sheppard and Erika Spinale. They will be portraying carolers in the Party Scene.

Dance Prism, a Boston-area professional ballet company, will present its 21st production of *The Nutcracker* at the Collins Center in Andover on Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21. Dance Prism's *Nutcracker* is a professional production that has appeared throughout New England since 1982. "It features an exciting cast of dancers who join the production from six states, colorful costumes, lively choreography, and the beloved attributes of America's favorite holiday presentation: falling snow, a reindeer drawn sleigh, and a magically growing Christmas tree." according to the company.

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Laura Davis age 13
Performing as a Mouse

In the **New England Civic Ballet** production at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, Dec. 12-14.

Peter Galvin age 14
Performing as a Soldier

Lindsay Fague age 12
Performing as a Party Boy

In the **Northeast Youth Ballet** production at the Chevalier Theatre, Medford, Dec. 12, 13 14 and 20 and 21

Sarah Eberth age 8
Performing as a Lamb

Kiley Cargill age 7
Performing as a Cherub

In the **Dance Prism** production at the Collins Center at Andover High School, Dec. 20 and 21. In this production, the students perform in a touring cast at venues in Andover, Fall River, Littleton and Worcester, or as part of a local cast which performs their parts just in the Andover shows.

Leah Cairns age 13
Performing as a Mouse and an Angel in the Touring Cast

Sarah Drinon age 13
Performing as an Angel in the Touring Cast

Michaela Voorhees age 11
Performing as a Soldier in the Touring Cast

Anna Huzar age 13
Performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint

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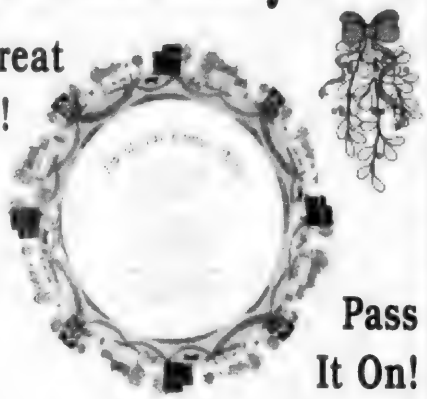

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Tabitha is a junior and honor roll student at Andover High School.

Tabitha Liversidge studies dance with Boston Youth Moves for 11 hours per week and also studies at The Andover School of Ballet. She has studied dance at the Andover School of Ballet since she was 3 and is in her second year of study at Boston Youth Moves.

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It may seem like work or school flies on Dec. 22. And it will – sort of. That day marks the winter solstice in the northern Hnemisphere "the shortest day of the Year." Take this quiz to see how much you know.

1. What is winter solstice?

2. What causes seasons?

3. What was the Roman festival of Saturnalia?

4. What tradition came from the Scandinavian's winter solstice festival called Jiuleis?

5. What ancient ruin was built to honor the solstice?

6. Many Christmas traditions come from Pagan winter solstice traditions. What custom involves giving presents?

7. When it's winter solstice in the northern hemisphere, what is happening in the southern hemisphere?

8. What does the word solstice mean?

9. How did the ancient Greeks observe the winter solstice?

10. The winter solstice in 1999 was unique. Why so?

Answers

1. Winter solstice is when the hemisphere is leaning farthest away from the sun. That's why daylight is the shortest this day.

2. They are caused by the rotation of the earth. Earth is tilted away from the sun during the northern hemisphere's winter, which is why the days are shorter.

3. It was a festival that honored winter solstice where servants ate with their masters. Schools were closed, prisoners were not executed and people paraded around the streets with black faces or masks.

4. The burning of the Yule log comes from here. Norse men would burn the log to repel dark and cold. The wood was thought to bring good luck to each home.

5. Newgrange in eastern Ireland

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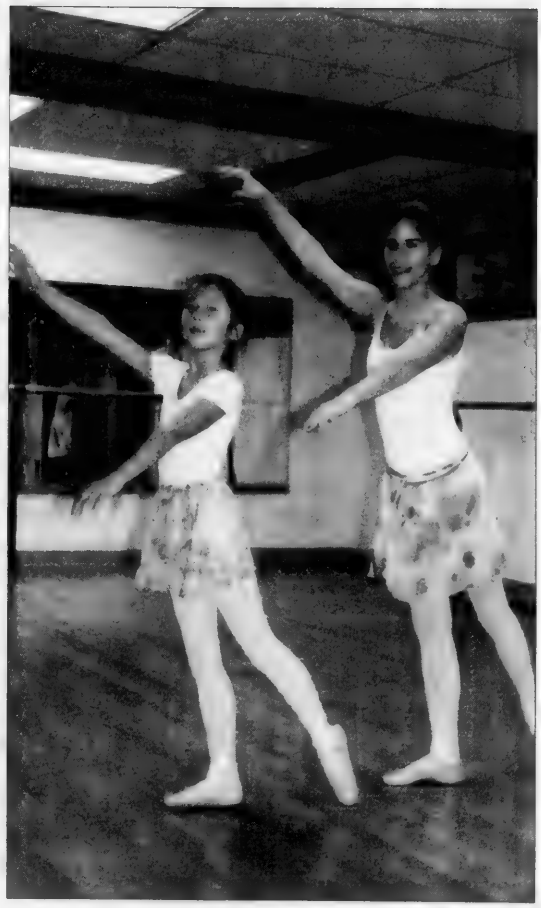
Katie Paquette, a second-grader at West Elementary School, will be performing as one of the mini-mice in the Albany Berkshire performance of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 6 at the Collins Center.



On Dec. 6, two young dancers from Le Studio de Ballet will perform in the Albany Berkshire production of *The Nutcracker*, at the Collins Center. Left, Nicola Shen, nine years old, will dance the role of an Angel and Gabrelle Mager, 12 years old, will dance the role of Mouse.

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Young dancers perform as Carolers and Peppermint

■ BALLET

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Julia Kasparian — age 11
Performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint

Hannah Bowler — age 9
Performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint

Rachel Rosenbaum — age 8
Performing as a Caroler

Emily Field — age 8
Performing as a Caroler

MacKenzie Dalton — age 7
Performing as a Caroler

Samuel Neives will be perform the role of Fritz in the New England Civic Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College. He is a fifth grader at High Plain Elementary School.

From left, Lilly Daigle and Brittany Goodman will play the role of Polichinelles in *The Nutcracker*, performed by the New England Civic Ballet.

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Jessica and Sarah Adams, along with Brianna and Alexa Rockwell, will be performing in the Albany Bershire Ballet, *The Nutcracker*, on Dec. 6 and 7 at the Collins Center. Jessica and Brianna are in the fouth grade at West Elementary School and will be performing as angels. (They are shown here in last year's production as Polichinells.) Sara and Alexa are both in the second grade at Shawsheen School and will be performing as mice.

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West Middle School eighth-grader, Elizabeth DiTroia will be dancing with the New England Civic Ballet as it performs Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. The performance will take place at the Rogers Center for Performing Arts, Merrimack College on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. Elizabeth has been dancing for ten years in London England, Dublin Ireland and Massachusetts.

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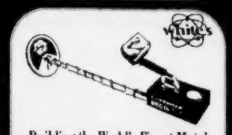

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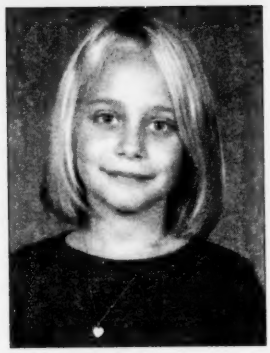

Samantha Sheppard of Andover, daughter of Deb Sheppard Bates and Jim Sheppard, will be dancing in the Dance Prism's production of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 20 and 21. Samantha is a third-grade student at Sanborn School and is in her fifth year of ballet, jazz and tap at North Andover School of Ballet.

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8. It comes from two Latin words — "sol," which means sun, and "sistere" which means to cause to stand still.

9. Their winter solstice ritual was called Lenaea, the Festival of the Wild Women. A man representing the harvest god Dionysos was torn to pieces and eaten by a gang of women. Then, Dionysos was reborn as a baby. By classical times, the human sacrifice was replaced by the killing of a goat and the women became funeral mourners and watchers of the birth.

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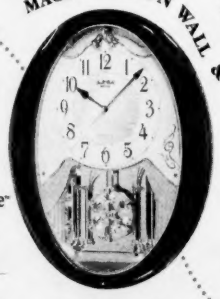

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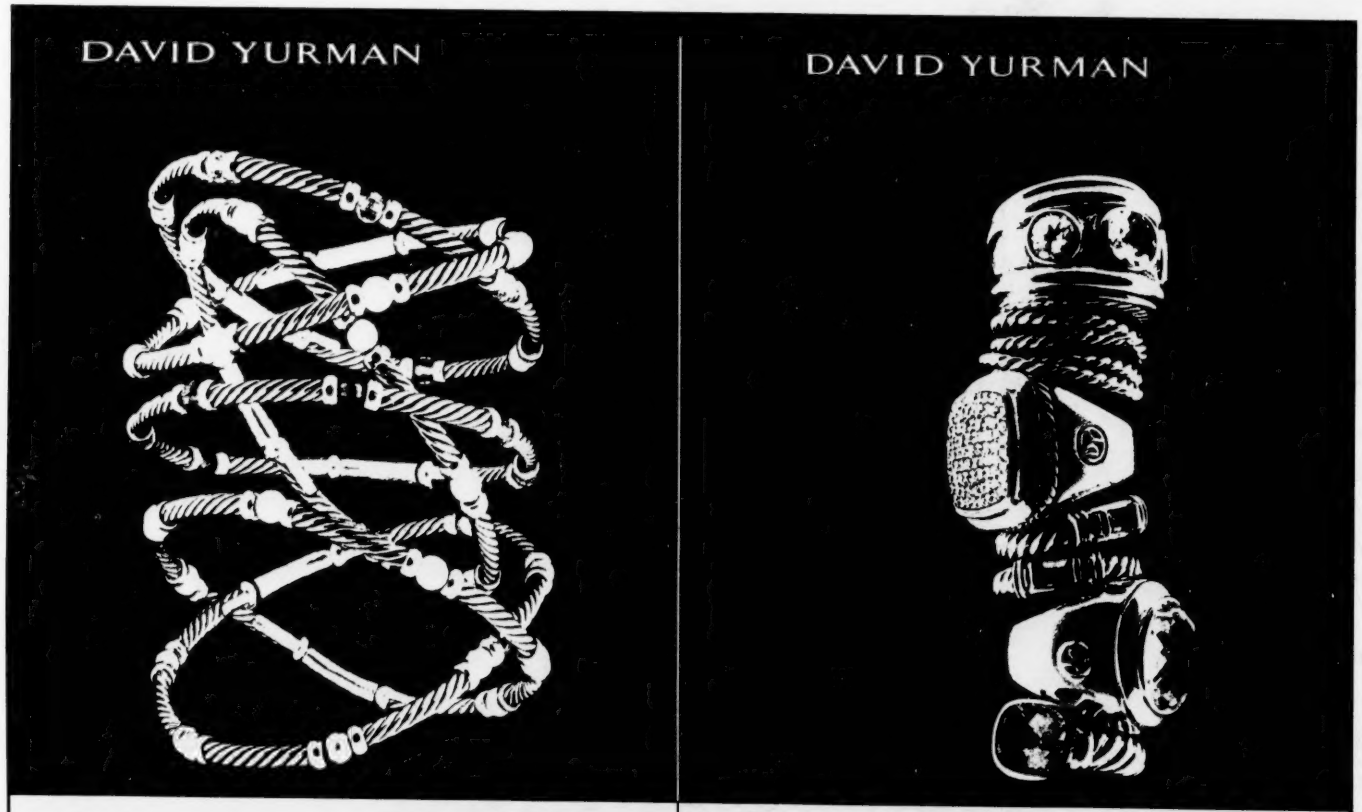

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